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IN DISCUSSION WITH

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POLTICS AND INTERNATIONAL  
RELATIONS

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## **BENEDICT ANDERSON (1936-2015)**

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### **FACTS...**

Where was he from....

What was his field of study...

What personal experiences influenced his work...

Why is his work of importance...

### **NAME TWO OF ANDERSON'S MOST FAMOUS BOOKS**

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In his 1983 book, Imagined Communities, what was Anderson's perspective on nationhood, and how did that differ to other ideas?

Explain the difference between the words, nation and country...

Looking back on Ireland's history when do you think Ireland gained its own national identity as we currently know it, discuss with you class...





Symbols of nationalism can be provocative, below is one of the first symbols of Irish nationalism. What does the current Irish flag symbolize?

In your opinion, what are the characteristics of Irish nationality?

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ANDERSON BELIEVED THAT THE INVENTION OF THE PRINTING PRESS GREATLY INFLUENCED THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NOTION OF "NATIONALITY". HOW DO YOU THINK SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE RISE OF THE INTERNET HAS IMPACTED OUR UNDERSTANDING OF NATIONALITY?

Anderson's ancestors took part in the Young Ireland Rebellion, what was their role in Irish nation building?

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How do you think being part of the European Union impacts Irish nationality?

Investigate: The case of Tristan Dowse, an Indonesian child adopted by an Irish family in 2001, how did his nationality affect his situation?

