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# WHAT IS A NATION?

- The nation is **sovereign** because it came of age in an era when sovereignty was associated with the state rather than a divinely-appointed monarch.
- Its building blocks include a constructed sense of kinship and belonging.
- Anderson lays out his famous argument for the importance of print in spreading the imagined community of the nation to the masses, because of its ability to disseminate ideas to vast populations across time and distance.





BENEDICT ANDERSON DEFINES THE 'NATION' AS,  
"AN IMAGINED POLITICAL COMMUNITY" (1991, 6).