**DAY 101: “CREATE YOUR OWN NATION”**

Today I want you to be creative. Using the large paper, I want you to create your own nation. You are the HMIC or HWIC and have complete autonomy on the nation you want to create.

1**. Physical geographic location**:

 *“A nation that cannot control its borders is not a nation.” -* [*Ronald Reagan*](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/3543.Ronald_Reagan)

Choose what part of the world you want to make your borders. Explain why you chose this type of climate and part of the world. What was your rationale for placing your nation where you placed it?

2. **Gaining the unity of the people:**

“All for one and one for all, united we stand divided we fall.” - [Alexandre Dumas](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/4785.Alexandre_Dumas)

How will get the unity of the people? What tactics will you use to get everyone on board with your nationalistic vision?

3. **Revolution where the old regime/way of life is replaced:**

*“I hold it that a little rebellion now and then is a good thing”- Thomas Jefferson*

Assume the country you’re taking over has people just like the students at Clarenceville High School. What revolutionary changes will you enact to establish your nationalistic vision?

4. **Iconography and symbols:**

*“Iconography, good iconography, strives to convey invisible reality in a visible form.” -* [*Peter Pearson*](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/110054.Peter_Pearson)

Choose iconography that matches your nationalistic vision. What is deeper meaning behind the symbols you chose?

5. **Propaganda to promote nationalism**:

*“Propaganda is to a democracy what the bludgeon is to a totalitarian state.” -* [*Noam Chomsky*](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/2476.Noam_Chomsky)

Create a piece of propaganda that increases a message to get your people to support your nation. Focus on eliciting an emotional reaction and will get people to side with you.

6. **Creation of commonalities:**

Establish what commonalities you will instill in your nation. What values will you emphasize? How will get people to be patriotic? What identity will you foster? How will get people to speak the same language? What country in the world will be your other and why did you choose that nation?

A. Values

*“Your beliefs become your thoughts, your thoughts become your words, your words become your actions, your actions become your habits,
your habits become your values, your values become your destiny.”
―*[*Mahatma Gandhi*](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/5810891.Mahatma_Gandhi)

B. Patriotism- “But you know as well as I, patriotism is a word; and one that generally comes to mean either *my country, right or wrong*, which is infamous, or *my country is always right*, which is imbecile.” - [Patrick O'Brian](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/5600.Patrick_O_Brian)

C. National self-identity- “Every miserable fool who has nothing at all of which he can be proud, adopts as a last resource pride in the nation to which he belongs; he is ready and happy to defend all its faults and follies tooth and nail, thus reimbursing himself for his own inferiority.” - [Arthur Schopenhauer](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/11682.Arthur_Schopenhauer)

D. Language- “*The limits of my language mean the limits of my world.”- Ludwig Wittgenstein*

E. "The other"- “*Only by creating social distance from the other can we cause harm.  Only when the one being punished is socially distant, the other, can we punish so severely. Only by “othering” the “enemy” can we make war.” - Nils Christie*
7. **A national anthem/music that promotes nationalism**

*“*[*The traditions of a nation are very important and the anthem written by Francis Scott Key in the early days of our nation should always be revered.*](http://www.azquotes.com/quote/953531?ref=singing-the-national-anthem)*” -* [*Lee Greenwood*](http://www.azquotes.com/author/21245-Lee_Greenwood)

Write lyrics to your national anthem that expresses what your nation is all about.

8. **An educational system that promotes the agenda and values of the nation**

*“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” -* [*Nelson Mandela*](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/367338.Nelson_Mandela)

What classes will you make children of your nation take in order to make them productive citizens of your nation?