Imagined Community

- Patriotism: Unites people for the overall well-being and prosperity of the nation.
- Nationalism unites people against a common enemy, often a hostile foreign force.
- Imagined Community: A nation as a socially constructed community, imagined by the people who perceive themselves as part of that group.

- Aspects of Imagined community: We do not know each member of our country; We cannot define what is Belize?; Our people should have the highest position; We are blindfolded to issues in our country due to love for the nation.

- Treaty of Madrid 1670
  Between the British and the Spanish. It was decided that piracy was outlawed and the British possessions were recognized.

- Treaty of Versailles 1783
  British could stay in British Honduras and cut logwood. The borders were between the Rio Hondo and Belize River.

- Clayton-Bulwer Treaty 1850
  Between the US and the British. The British NOR the Americans could occupy or colonize any new areas in Central America.

- Anglo-Guatemalan convention 1859
  The present borders for Belize were outlined. Article 7 of the treaty stated that a way of transportation was to be met. An additional convention was decided.

- Treaty of Paris 1763
  Between the British and Spanish. The British could stay in British Honduras and cut logwood.

- Convention of London 1786
  British could stay in British Honduras. The boundaries were extended southwards within the Belize River and the Sibun River. Could cut and load Mahogany and logwood.

- Dallas Clarendon Treaty 1856
  Since the Clayton-Bulwer was not respected. This treaty forced the American and the British to give up lands in central America.

- Webster proposals 1960
  The British and the Guatemalans decided to find a mediator which was the US. The mediator wanted for Belize to become independent. But wanted to place Belize basically as a department of Guatemala.

Charles Wyke for the BRITISH

- Not to offend the Clayton-Bulwer treaty
- Negotiation cannot include CESSION or Compensation

Why cession could not be used?
1. It would offend the Clayton-Bulwer treaty
2. It would mean that the British had accepted that the Guatemalans were the first owners.

-Anglo-Guatemala Convention of 1859
Article 1: defined the border

Article 7 of the convention

- Both parties had to establish the best way of communication
- From the Atlantic coast to Guatemala City.

1863 supplementary convention

- British parliament; approved 50,000
- Guatemala did not ratify
- Guatemala claimed that the treaty was void because the “compensation” was not granted

1931 exchange of notes

“The government of Guatemala agrees to recognize the concrete monuments erected at Garbutt’s Falls and at the Gracias a Dios rapids on the border of Belize and Guatemala. These monuments form part of the border line between Belize and the republic of Guatemala.”

1929 commissioners inspected the border

- Concrete markers were erected
- Government of Guatemala agrees to recognize the concrete monuments as borders.