WHAT IS A NATION?
Text, Images & National Identity

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Image: https://snacksies.com/products/crochet-merlion-plush
sharing

- show a/an image or phrase
- share what it represents to the group.
Terms of reference

Ice kacang _or_ ice kachang _or_ ice-kacang _or_ ice and kacang?

Images:
https://www.sg/ICON.aspx
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Raised_fist
http://www.eonline.com/watch/keeping-up-with-the-kardashians
Connecting the Dots

know what you are looking for
know where you should look for it
Connecting the Dots – Types of Sources

Primary sources
- direct account of event or person
- usually from the source itself

examples
Interviews, speeches
Autobiographies
Opinions and letters
Televised debates

Secondary Sources
- contains a level of analysis, interpretation
- not from the source itself

examples
Literature / books on the subject
Biographies
Theses & dissertations
Newspaper reviews
Where to search?

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FindMore
A Baba Malay dictionary: the first comprehensive compendium of Straits Chinese terms and expressions
by Gwee, William Thian Hock
2006
Book: REQUEST ITEM. PL5127 *Str.Gw 2006, Central Library Singapore-Malaysia Collection (Use in Library)

My Penang: the inside guide to where to go and what to eat
by Lim, Bee Chin
2005
Book: AVAILABLE. DS599 Pn Li 2005, Medical Library General Reading (+1 More)

The Oxford companion to food
by Davidson, Alan; Jaine, Tom
2006, 2nd ed.
"Twenty years in the making, the first edition of Alan Davidson's magnum opus appeared in 1999
to worldwide acclaim. Its combination of serious food history,...
Book: AVAILABLE. TX349 Dav 2006, Central Library Books (+1 More)
Databases – why you need to use

- Focused search
- Higher level of relevancy
## Databases – a snapshot

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**More database suggestions:**
http://libguides.nus.edu.sg/UTown/UTW1001B
Factiva – newspaper database

national identity
Factiva
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2) Google Chrome (most recent versions)
3) Firefox (most recent versions)
4) Safari (most recent versions)
The other two are a strong sense of national identity and having a real stake in Singapore's future.

Commentary: Nationalism: Poisoned chalice or panacea for Indonesia?
The Jakarta Post, 23 August 2019, 193 words, M. Taufiqurrahman, The Jakarta Post, Jakarta, (English)

...terms of ethnicity or race, has made soil (i.e. geography) the defining character of Indonesian nationalism, and it is this type of national identity that has loomed large over Indonesian society in the past seven decades.

Argentina Needs the Dollar
The Wall Street Journal, 19 August 2019, 800 words, Mary Anastasia O'Grady, By Mary Anastasia O'Grady, (English)

All talk of a national currency as part of national identity is also bunk. As monetary economist William Luther told me last week, Argentines don't seem to want to hold pesos if they don't have to. “In June 2019, the total amount of peso-denominated deposits...

Education; Singapore Malays have shaped a unique identity: PM
The Straits Times, 19 August 2019, 500 words, Adrian Lim, Adrian Lim, (English)

“At the same time, your influence on Singapore society helped shape our national identity as a multiracial country in South-east Asia,” PM Lee said in his Malay speech at the National Day Rally.

Building Singapore; Singapore, a city of layers built by multiple generations: PM Lee
The Straits Times, 19 August 2019, 1034 words, Tham Yuen, Tham Yuen-C, (English)

...historical ties had helped to foster understanding with neighbouring countries, while their influence on society helped shape Singapore's national identity as a multiracial country.

National Day Rally 2019 commentary: Identity and an island nation's vulnerability
The Straits Times, 19 August 2019, 1070 words, Zakir Hussain, Zakir Hussain, (English)

So it is fitting that Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong devoted portions of his National Day Rally speech to these two issues - that of national identity, which remains critical if Singaporeans are to tackle looming challenges together, and climate change.
"national identity" OR nationalism and (icon* or relic* or ritual* or hero*)

AND

singapore

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Limit to: Peer reviewed

Publication date: All dates
AND: both terms must be present  
→ fewer results

OR: either terms may be present  
→ more results

“Phrase searching”  
e.g. “social change”

* Truncation/wildcard  
variant forms of the root word  
e.g. politic* retrieves politicians, political, politically…

( ) Grouping/Round Parentheses  
Useful when your search includes synonyms/related words  
e.g. (blogs OR social media)
Scopus

Document search

Search
“national identity” and Singapore
E.g., “Cognitive architectures” AND robots

AND

Search
(relic* or icon* or ritual* or hero*)

Article title, Abstract, Keywords

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Evaluating Resources

This quick test lets us analyse the quality of the sources we have found.

1. **Currency** - When was it published?
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- [http://www.usg.edu/galileo/skills/unit09/](http://www.usg.edu/galileo/skills/unit09/)
Useful Tips

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Useful Tips: Subject Guides  
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To use self-checkout machines
To renew your loans online

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