

## where we've been

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Peters &  
Duranti give  
us a  
conceptual  
framework

## where we are going

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readings  
build on  
this  
framework

## Today in class

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- Anderson's "Origins"
- Simpson's "Founding Fathers"

break

- Discussion board questions
- Discuss discussion board advice

## discussion board questions

- According to Anderson's argument, what are the three ways that print-languages "laid the bases for national consciousnesses"?

## Anderson's "Origins"

3 ways in which print-languages laid the bases for national consciousness:

1. "they created unified fields of exchange and communication below Latin and above the spoken vernaculars"
2. "gave a new fixity to language"
3. "created new languages-of-power"

## Guided freewrite

Several times in "Founding Fathers" Simpson mentions various thinkers' belief in "an organic connection between language and civilization" or between "an ordered language and an ordered state" or "between political and linguistic reform". Take 10 minutes to write on the following questions:

- What ideas/assumptions about the nature of communication and language underlie such thinking?
- What are some implications of such thinking?

### discussion board questions

- Why is Adams interested in the foundation of an American Academy of language?
- What are Hobbes' concerns about the use of metaphor?
- How does Locke's "rhetoric of the 'common language' [...] function[] as a sort of populist placebo in treatises on language that are in various ways covertly authoritarian"?
- What are the primary arguments outlined for and against developing a distinct American language?

### microessay advice

- **Challenge**
- **Use the course readings**
- **Focus**
- **Illustrate**
- **Avoid Padding**
- **Polish**

### response advice

- **Engage the author's thinking**
- **Offer help with presentation**
- **Critique, don't criticize**
- **Make it useful and readable**

### for Wednesday

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- Review readings as needed.
- Post responses to microessays to the discussion board by 9pm Tuesday.
- Read the discussion board before class and bring at least one specific question for discussion.