

# NORTHERN IRELAND 1969-1993 INTERACTIVE

## HOMEWORK 2 Standard

### IRA Propaganda, Lord Mountbatten

The IRA also printed their own newspaper as none of the national newspapers ever printed anything that the IRA wanted to say.

#### **“Execution of Soldier Mountbatten”**

In claiming responsibility for the execution of Lord Mountbatten (former Chief of the United Kingdom Defence Staff, cousin of the Queen of England and symbol of all that is imperial), the Irish Republican Army stated that the bombing was a “discriminate operation to bring to the attention of the English people the continuing occupation of our country.

The British Army acknowledge that after ten years of war it cannot defeat us but yet the British Government continues with the oppression of our people and the route of our comrades in the H-blocks. Well, for this we will tear out their sentimental imperialist heart.”

This quote is the IRA explaining why they killed the Queen’s cousin. It is clearly biased.

#### **TASKS**

1. Why did British newspapers not print the views of the IRA?
2. Do you think this was a good thing? Explain your answer.
3. What reasons did the IRA give for murdering Lord Mountbatten?
4. Why would his murder have been propaganda victory for the IRA?
5. Explain the reference to ‘H-block’ in the IRA statement.
6. Using the internet, find out more about the life of Lord Mountbatten.

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## HOMEWORK 2 Advanced

### What should Britain do?

Possible solution	Positives of this solution	Negative of the solution
❶ Take all British soldiers out of N. Ireland. Too many have been murdered. Leave the Catholics and Protestants to fight it out.		
❷ Get Northern Ireland to run its own government made up of equal numbers of Nationalists and Unionists.		
❸ Send more soldiers to Ireland. Bring back hanging for any terrorist caught with guns or bombs.		
❹ Ban the marches by both Catholics and Protestants. Ban the paintings on houses. These cause a lot of bad feeling and is only designed to annoy the other side.		