

Digital Storytelling Tools

Spatial + Temporal Platforms:

- **StoryMapJS** <https://storymap.knightlab.com/>
 - embeddable, multimedia story maps
- **SnapMap**: places an Instagram user's 20 most recent geo-tagged photos onto a map that can be shared instantly or exported into StoryMapJS (<https://snapmap.knightlab.com/instagram/%40deannamsessions/9a31e439-bacd-4bb6-8671-47e6c257bb21/>)
- **Time Mapper** <http://timemapper.okfnlabs.org/>
 - embeddable, multimedia timelines and maps
 - similar to StoryMapJS (same developers)
 - back end is Google Spreadsheet, easy for students to collaborate
 - can incorporate wide variety of multimedia and social media

Out of the Box Platforms:

- **Medium** <https://medium.com/>
 - nice looking blog publishing platform
 - incorporates multimedia and social media
 - encourages interactivity with marginalia commenting and annotation
 - free, but all "stories" are public facing
- **Exposure** <https://exposure.co/>
 - photo narratives platform, similar to Medium but emphasis is on images rather than text
 - page-level commenting
 - can embed on Wordpress
 - free for up to three posts, but public facing
- **Steller** <https://steller.co/>
 - visual storytelling iPhone app with social media component
 - create digital "flip books" with photos, videos, and text
 - share them through app, social media, email or embed on website
 - can make public or private stories
 - free

Customizable Options:

- Tumblr
- Wordpress
 - Built on a custom platform, but this type of project would be possible on Wordpress: <http://ulysses.bc.edu/>
- Scalar
 - open-source, media-rich scholarly publishing platform ideal for creating non-linear narratives
 - robust database system for to catalogue content

- work can be experienced through different pathways, and from different access points
- supports collaborative authoring, reader comments, and offers a wide range of annotating tools (including audio and video annotation; Hypothes.is in-line annotation)
- free, both public and private facing projects
- <http://scalar.usc.edu/works/underworld-journeys-sleep-no-more/index>

Additional Tools:

- **Book Creator** (tablet only app for eBook creation):
<http://www.redjumper.net/bookcreator/>
- **FlipSnack** (create eBooks with multimedia; download and embed):
<http://www.flipsnack.com>
- **LucidPress** (license available - talk to FAS Office of Ed Tech):
<https://www.lucidpress.com>
- **Picture a Story:** <http://www.artofstorytelling.org/kiosk/>
- **Simple Booklet** (create shareable multimedia eBooks; enhanced license available):<http://simplebooklet.com>