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**Web Mapping & Open Source GIS**

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**Answers:**

**1.Was any part of this lab particularly challenging or particularly easy? Why?**

An easy part of this lab was creating story maps using knight labs. Making a quick and simple story map in ArcGIS story maps can prove to be a difficult task sometimes, but this was really easy. One doesn’t have to input all the small details about the visuals of graphics or the transition between slides if they only want to create a quick story map to tell a story.

**2.How did you feel about using a Google sheet as an input for a webmap? Did it seem strange, practical, limiting, accessible?**

Using Google sheets to input data for a webmap felt a little strange at first. However, once I learnt how knight labs takes input from spreadsheet and display it as a Webmap, it seemed friendly. Google sheets is easily accessible and light (does not require a very high-speed internet or a personal computer with increased performance). It also does a great job in keeping data organized.

**3.Name one advantage, and one disadvantage, to using these tools.**

One advantage of using this tool is that it is really to use as a beginner. One does not have to read manuals or watch tutorials to start using it from the first try itself. This way, anyone with no previous experience in this type of data presentation can also quickly learn to use it for their work.

One disadvantage of this tool is the lack of easy customization options.