



AFAM 2296 Early African American Literature
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Using Geospatial Data in Google My Maps

Google My Maps Info

- Google My Maps site: <https://www.google.com/mymaps>
- My Maps support: <https://support.google.com/mymaps/?hl=en#topic=3188329>

Google My Maps is a user-friendly, web-browser mapping tool that allows users to choose a map and place markers, lines, and polygons across the map. Each marker can present images, texts, and videos. The goal, then, is to visualize and organize geospatial data in an interactive platform.

Questions to Consider

- What is the main point(s) I want to convey?
- What information is most important to include about the locational data to provide content and context?
- How will my data be best presented in a map format to convey historical information?
- Who is my audience? What kinds of information does that audience need?

Examples

- “A Frankenstein Atlas: Locations in Frankenstein”
<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?mid=1JvpBBbDFYfYS2FtD95203iUJN1R4xmSD&ll=55.221634788101426%2C5.098728125000077&z=6>
- “US National Parks”
https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?msa=0&mid=1US8kt_OlYMffR1KaaEvaqkhYUrs&ll=25.463346999999995%2C-80.334692&z=8
- “Freedom Trail Boston”
https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?msa=0&hl=en&ie=UTF8&t=m&vpsrc=1&ll=42.36001999999999%2C-71.05646400000002&spn=0.021042%2C0.016995&source=embed&mid=120b5E6JMbBxoS6nVKYR4O_EhViM&z=14
- “Davis Square Somerville”
<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=16JzsXC5lNzIEfWCMEX01MfuvAPM&ie=UTF8&oe=UTF8&msa=0&ll=42.39386041000854%2C-71.12245710245472&z=16>

Class Example

- Boston’s Black Heritage Trail:
<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1hGDxOjseZI6P2RGF08GC7zLyh8JraPFR&usp=sharing>