Kelsey Van Selous - ArcGIS JavaScript API

I reviewed Kelsey Van Selous’s technology report about Javascript API. I found it very interesting and I liked it a lot. It was a good beginner step into the tool and helped to introduce the concept of JavaScript API and its vast array of uses.

What I originally noticed about this report was the clean and simple organization. It was a very organized page with a black and white color scheme, which helped to make the blue links and map stand out. It also made it pleasing to the eye as the organization made it easy to follow. I especially like the break of space in between each header and paragraph. I also enjoyed the order of the paragraphs and headers, the way the information was introduced made it very easy to follow and made is so that even a beginner could understand. For example, I like how the author went back and explained what ArcGIS online and Javascript are. Although they are not the tool they are reporting on, they are relevant, and I was glad that the topics were covered.

I also liked the explanation of Javascript API. I had heard of the tool before but had never really learned about what it was. I thought the comparison of it to Leaflet was really helpful. Comparing this new tool to one we have learned and have gotten experience with was smart. Additionally, I liked how many links there were for further learning. The instructions to download and use this tool are very clear and concise, and I am happy that it was added. If I chose to use this tool during the final project, this report will definitely help with that.

One thing that I would be interested to learn more about how API’s are used with apps. I have heard a lot about API and web apps, and wished there was more of an explanation, or at least some examples, of the capabilities of this. Overall, I wish there were more explanation of the different ways you can use JavaScript API

I think this technology could be useful for my final project or any other types of projects I do in the future. This technology could be used to share maps and features within an organization.