* Who are the users of the software?
  + corporations who need to engage staff and community – make sense to heads of business, government, staff (everyone); 10 yr olds to Grandmas
* What level of access should be allowed for the software?
  + very public, definitely URL site
* Will the data be provided or are we (the software engineers) responsible for the data collection?
  + Data collection is part of the project – up to us
* How will the data be filtered? What will filters represent?
  + Filter and show years growth, sector growth – purpose: show there were 60 million events in the 60s and only a million now – want to show gaps
  + Map key should be simple, small, not overwhelming – expandable or linked
  + Filter and key together
  + Able to layer filters but must be able to go back/take off filters (checkboxes?)
* How will users interact with the map?
  + Be able to click anywhere and find out what’s going on, why to care about civic engagement, click a bubble and learn more via another bubble or pop up window; want levels, names and connections
* Will administrative users be able to add or update data?
  + Be able to add data – program to allow via form where you can type in data, place, time, info and auto-populate the map
* What does each bubble represent?
  + Bubble is a data set, a set of data relating to a specific event:
    - Who, what, where, when, why?
* How will the data be arranged within the map?
  + Layers – geo; where, names, year, socioeconomic, etc.
* How will the key be constructed?
  + Key: needs further discussion
* How will the predictions be made using the data or data sets that are collected?
  + Predictive data: we need to find tools/algorithms for what if-scenarios
* What platform or system will the software be made available?
  + Platform: portable, give to client to put on site, mobile, downloadable
* What will the video consist of?
  + The video will be a snippet of info for users and maybe presenters
* Will the program need to be able to record itself?
  + Doesn’t need to record, can use outside tools for this
* ???Need data security – can’t take out data
* What do you mean by “mergeable”?
  + Merge-able – nodes show up and find connections between bubbles found
* What shall the predictions “predict”?
  + Predict: doomsday, or else/what if
    - Probably some models/theory out there to use
* ??Must be interactive and offline
* Should the colors of the map be customizable?
  + Customizable colors are cool but not necessary
* Should outlying territories be considered in the data?
  + US territories is not a high priority – probably can’t find data
* What should be the first view upon entering the program?
  + First image is an outline of US, eloquent and not cluttered; invites to click
* Can the program utilize existing or open source software?
  + Using existing software – don’t want it to look like google maps
  + Open source software okay to use
  + Will be open source so we can use open source
* How far in should users be able to view data?
  + State level ok, Don’t worry about counties
* What should the layering consist of when multiple filters are selected?
  + Flat and layered topographical views – filter options in primary, intuitive colors
  + Map should highlight gaps in bubbles, bubbles are good news (maybe black map so gaps are highlighted)
* What types of filters should be available?
  + Filters: year, people, place, event, chronologies