**Questions# 1. Describe your choices in making map 1**

My goal is trying to improve the readability of the Franken map. I made the Lancaster county boundary more transit, so it can reflect the stream within the boundary. I highlighted the state park in red to stand out from its relative locations on the map. I realigned the inset map to the bottom-right corner and retained the population and scale at the state level. The red box indicated the Lancaster inset map relative to the state. I included the map title, north arrow, and scale. I removed legend from the Franken map because I think it may obstruct the reader from interpreting the map.

**2. Describe your choices in making map 2**

I chose Taiwan where I came from 😊. My goal is to let people know more about its geography. The purpose of the map is to show the topography (elevation) and its natural phenomena (rivers). I obtained the shapefile through [GADM](https://gadm.org/download_country.html) website, and river/DEM information from [政府資料開放平臺 | 政府資料開放平臺 (data.gov.tw)](https://data.gov.tw/), where it stored all the Taiwan’s social/natural geo dataset. I also included the political boundaries to let the reader easily identify the area.

**3. What did you learn?**

R is a very useful program in terms of plotting. I used to plot everything using python. Until a week ago, I started discovering more applications that can be utilized, including combining all the maps. However, I learned that when combining the map, the coordinate should be verified, and not trying to include everything in the map, but choosing only the most important element.