make it interesting!

"the greatest value of a picture is when it forces us to notice what we never expected to see" or less poetically,

just when the maps make the point, expected or unexpectedmaps must tell a story in a convincing (and rigoirious) way refs:Tufte (multiple)

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