Hi, my name is Vincent Hayes. I have put a lot of thought into ideas for my final project. Since what our class has to choose from is very broad, it would obviously be best to choose something of interest to us. Thus, I have been mulling over some various data within the CDC website. Cdc.gov has plenty of GIS data to choose from so that I can create an interesting, fun, and informative map.

The particular questions I am leaning toward interesting are: “how widespread is the flu in the United States?” and “What areas will best be covered by flu vaccinations?”. This topic is to an audience that I am sure, includes many people. From worried parents to germaphobes alike, I would like to provide information on the flu in their respective locations. In this information, I would mainly want to convey the percentage of diagnoses in all states across the country.

I would like to provide a map of the United States and use click features, etc. so that the map is easy to navigate for anyone. As for now, I think what we have all learned in the GEO 409 has been very useful and will be used to create and complete this project. From the click features to the basic style skills, all that we have done this semester will be of tremendous help to create a successful map.

I may need assistance accessing the data sets in the excel, csv, or GeoJSON formats. As I mentioned, the cdc.gov website has several data for this particular topic but I may need further assistance and investigation to access this data in the required formats.