Before the first class, it would be good if you could take a look (30 minutes or an hour) perusing the best visualizations of 2015:

* [http://graphics.wsj.com/wsj-interactives-2015/ (Links to an external site.)](http://graphics.wsj.com/wsj-interactives-2015/)
* [http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2015/us/year-in-interactive-storytelling.html (Links to an external site.)](http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2015/us/year-in-interactive-storytelling.html)
* [https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/national/2015-in-graphics/ (Links to an external site.)](https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/national/2015-in-graphics/)

**What to think about while you're looking at the visualizations:**

* Why were these considered the best? Was it the data, was it the visuals?
* Could you quickly figure out the visualization without help?
* How is the interaction? Simple, complex?
* Who do you think would get the most value out of the visualizations?

This is not a graded assignment, but provides a good start for the class.