

# StoryMapJS TUTORIAL

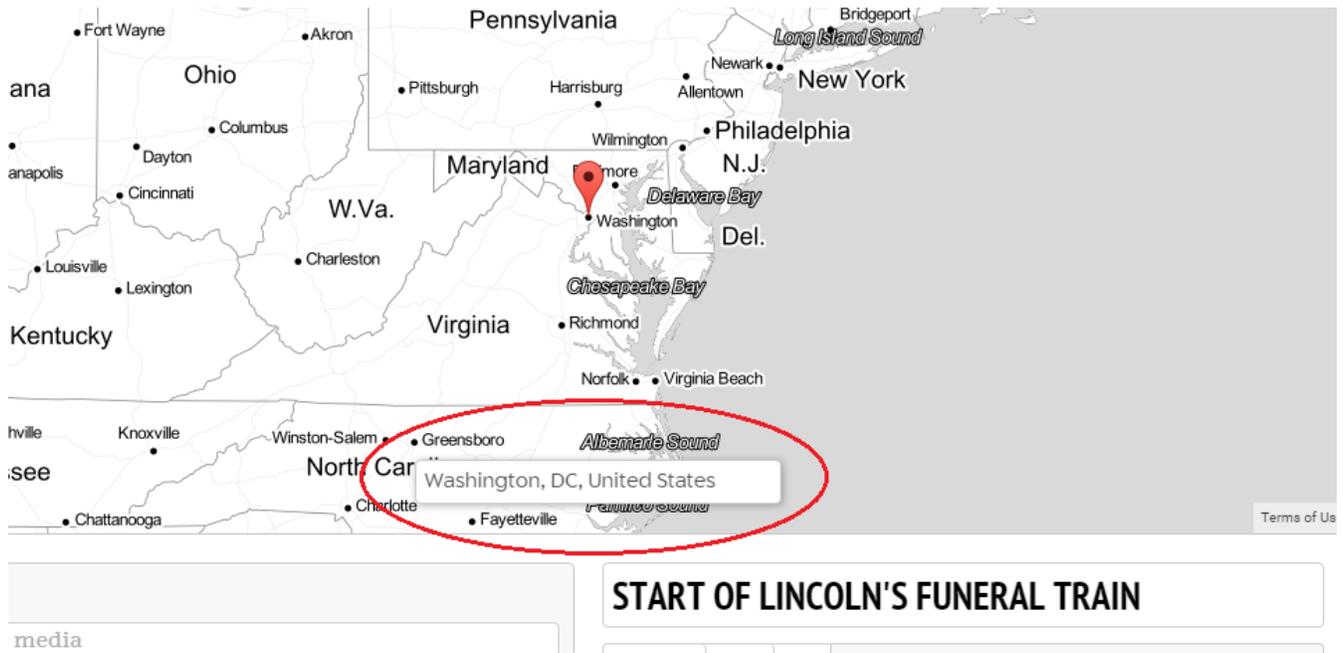
[StoryMapJS](#) is a free tool to help you tell stories on the web that highlight the locations of a series of events.

The screenshot displays a StoryMapJS interface. The main map shows a path of red dots across the United States, with a yellow highlight following the path. An inset map titled "US MANIFEST DESTINY MEAN CENTER OF UNITED STATES POPULATION" shows the mean center of population for each year from 1790 to 2010, with a red triangle indicating the 2010 mean center. The inset map includes a legend and a scale bar. The main map has a toolbar with various icons for navigation and interaction. The title "US MANIFEST DESTINY" is prominently displayed in the center of the inset map.

To get started, go to [storymap.knightlab.com](http://storymap.knightlab.com). Then, simply create a new map and give it a title. Your first slide, your title slide, will show the points from your other slides, so don't worry about the look of the title slide right away. Just add a headline and any introductory text you'd like to add.

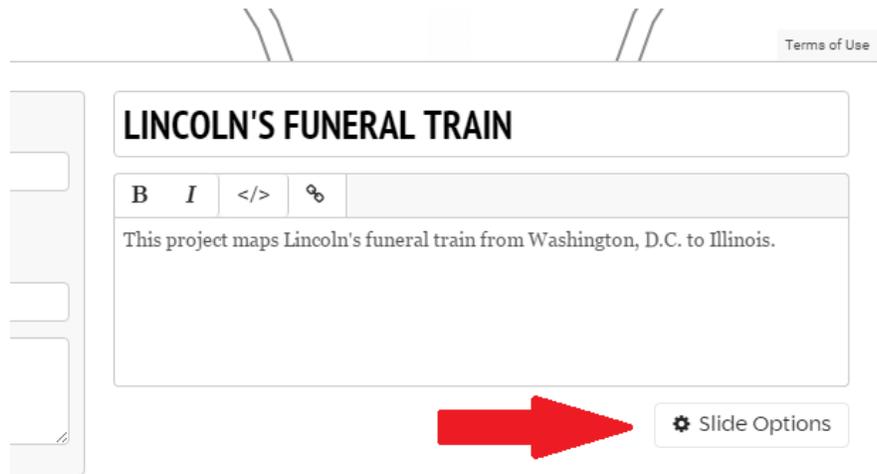
The screenshot shows the StoryMapJS interface with the "Options" menu open. A red arrow points to the "Options" button in the top left corner. The "Options" menu is a dropdown list with a gear icon, and it is currently open, showing a list of options. The main map is visible in the background, showing a path of red dots across the United States.

In the "Options" area on the upper left corner, you can choose the type of map you'd like to use as your base map. We think Open Street Maps is a pretty good standard option. If you'd like to get fancy, you can connect your StoryMap to a map from your Mapbox account or to a custom map of your choosing.



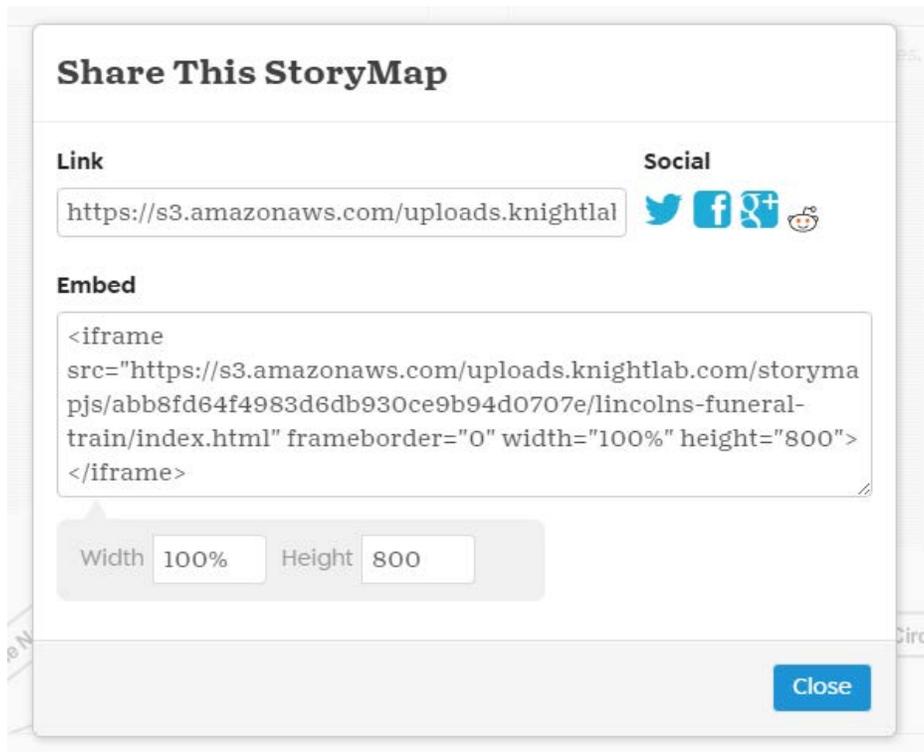
For your first slide, you can navigate to any point by typing an address in the “Search” box. Control the zoom level with the + and - arrows. Place your slide title in the heading box and start typing your description in the body box. You can use their simple tools to bold, italicize, and hyperlink, or you can use the HTML editor if you’re a little more HTML-savvy. In addition to contextual text, you can also add images, video, or links to this box.

You can adjust design elements, such as the background color, or add a background image, by going to “Slide Options.”



On the next slide, simply repeat by typing the desired location into the “Search” box and adjusting from there.

Once you’ve added all the slides you want to add, click “Save” and your StoryMap will be ready to share with the world!



The “Share” button on the upper right corner will allow you to grab a URL link, share to social media, or get the HTML embed code so you can add your StoryMap to your website.

StoryMapJS is a great, interactive mapping tool, and we hope you will try it out in your classroom.