

# TimelineJS and StoryMapJS

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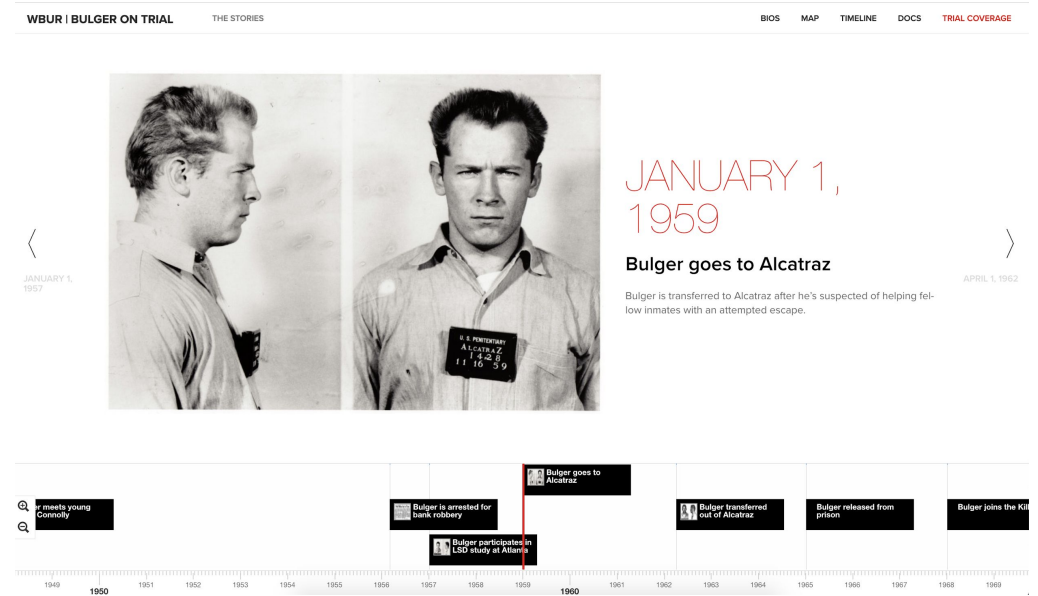
# About

- Products of Northwestern's [Knight Lab](#)
- Team of designers, developers, students, educators
- Create open source, adaptable, and lightweight tools

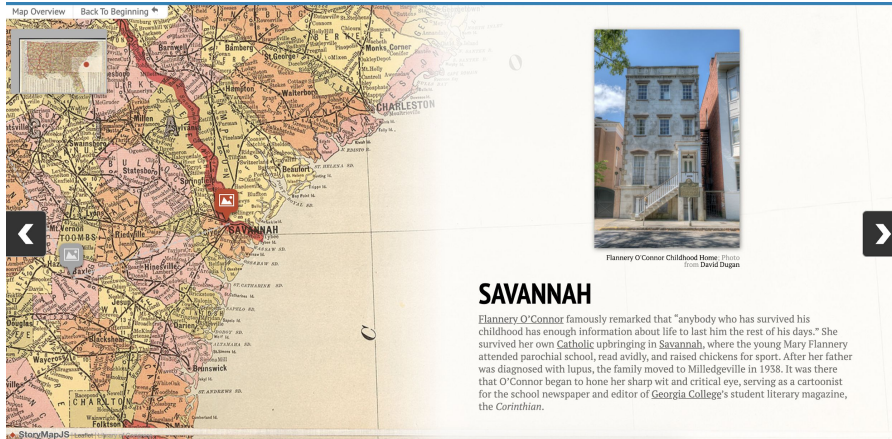


# TimelineJS

- Interactive timelines
- Pick a topic with a strong chronological narrative
- [Bulger on Trial](#), 90.9 WBUR Boston



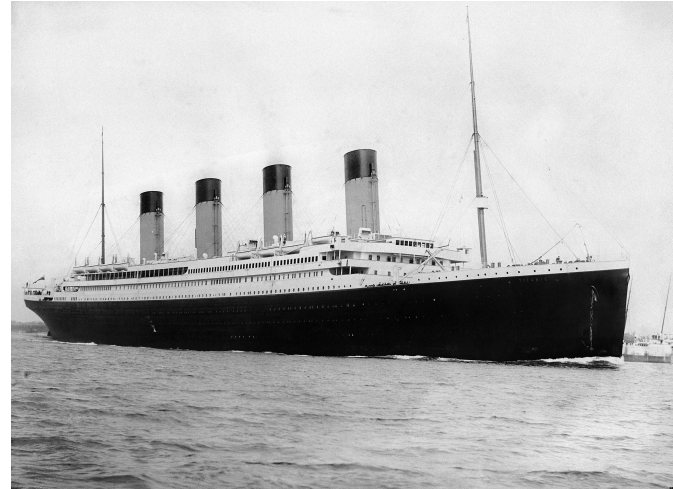
# StoryMapJS



- Not StoryMaps
- Stories that highlight the locations of a series of events
- Pick a topic with a strong location narrative
- [Southern Literary Trail](#), Georgia Humanities
- [Please Send Food: A GI's War in Italy](#), GMU SCRC

# Tips

- Have no more than 20 slides
- Each event should be part of a larger narrative
- Titanic example



# Help

- TimelineJS FAQs <<http://timeline.knightlab.com/#faq>>
- TimelineJS documentation <<http://timeline.knightlab.com/#help>>
- StoryMapJS FAQs <<http://storymap.knightlab.com/#faq>>
- StoryMapJS documentation <<http://storymap.knightlab.com/#help>>
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# Make a Timeline

## Make a Timeline

TimelineJS works on any site or blog. Make your own in four easy steps.  
Having trouble? Watch our [video](#), or see the [help section](#) below.

# 1

Create your spreadsheet

Build a new Google Spreadsheet using our template. You'll need to copy the template to your own Google Drive account by clicking the "Make a Copy" button.

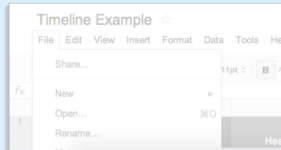
Drop dates, text and links to media into the appropriate columns. For more about working with our template, see our [help docs](#).

[Get the Spreadsheet Template](#)

**Note:** Don't change the column headers, don't remove any columns, and don't leave any blank rows in your spreadsheet.

# 2

Publish to the web



Under the File menu, select "Publish to the Web."

**Note:** Don't set your Timeline Google Sheet to "anyone with the link can edit." It isn't necessary, and could lead to someone changing your timeline without your consent.

- Follow their instructions!  
<<http://timeline.knightlab.com/#make>>
- See their video  
<<http://vimeo.com/143407878>>

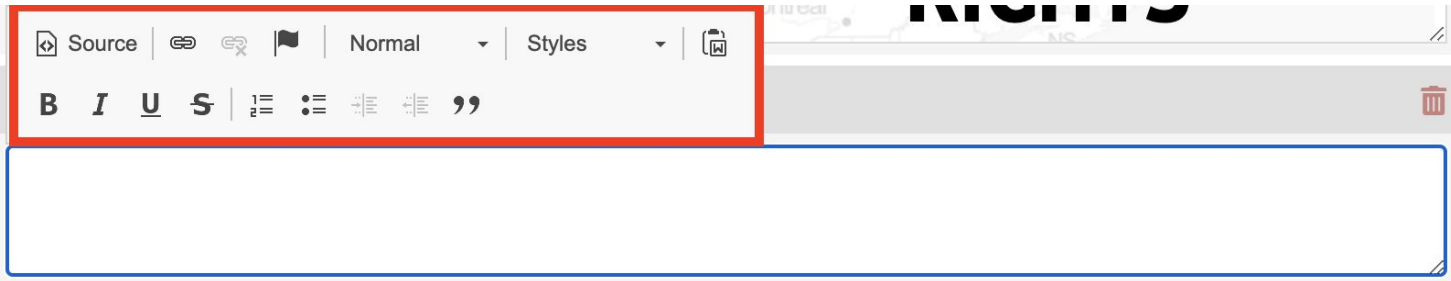
# Make a StoryMap

1. Click the *make a StoryMap* button at the top of the page.
2. Sign in to your Google account.
3. The first page you see will be your title page. Add a title, description, and link to media or upload a file to add an image. Click *add slide* on the left hand side of the screen when done.
4. Create slides for your events.
  - a. Location: Use the search box to search for an address.
  - b. Event information: Fill out the headline and description boxes for each event.
  - c. Media: Add a link to media or upload an image. Fill out the credit and captions boxes.
5. Toggle to the preview tab to see how your StoryMap will look when made public.
6. Save your changes at any time using the *save* button in the upper left hand corner.
7. Click *share* in the upper right hand corner when you are done. Copy the iframe HTML in the embed box.



# Embed in Omeka

1. Navigate to the Omeka page to which you want to add a timeline or StoryMap.
2. Add an HTML block.
3. Right click until you see the following menu:



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5. Paste the iframe HTML into the source box. Click *ok*.
6. Click *save* in the upper right hand corner when done.