

Geo-Tagging Project (10%)



Objective: To deepen knowledge of the connections between the geography and history of the Middle East using Google Maps.

Submission: There are two phases in this project. The first is due by email (chrisdm@stedwards.edu) on Friday October 10 by 5:00 pm. and the second on Friday, Nov. 21 by 5:00 pm.

Instructions: Each week as you read from the selected readings on Blackboard and from the book *Battle for the Arab Spring*, you will choose **two items** (people, places, things, ideas, events) for every day that we have a reading from *Battle for the Arab Spring* or other relevant texts (I'll notify you which ones they are) to mark with tags, noting the relevant page numbers or titles from the reading and possibly also including, for example, links to outside information (like Wikipedia articles), useful images or video clips, or shapes that denote borders and geographic areas. In the text area on your tags, type a few sentences explaining what's there and why it's important. This "metadata" could even be short summarizations or quotations (duly cited) of relevant information from the texts.

Getting Started: Follow the instructions on class blog dated Sept. 8. Email a link to your map to chrisdm@stedwards.edu. When you share your map, be sure to edit it so that it's publically viewable by anyone with the link but can only be edited by you.

Rubric: I will score each item you to tag as follows: 5 points for an accurate, relevant location; 4 points for the thoroughness and usefulness of the metadata (descriptions, explanations, etc.); and 1 point for creative use of the medium (polygons, borders, linked images or video, etc.), for 10 points each. Your grade will be the percentage of these points out of all available points.

Sample of the Rubric

Week 2	Feb 1-7	Points	Comments
Item 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Accurate, relevant location (5)Thoroughness and usefulness of metadata (4)Creative use of medium (1)	10	"Friday of Unity." Accurate location, useful and interesting summary and description, good choices of images and external links.
Item 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Accurate, relevant location (5)Thoroughness and usefulness of metadata (4)Creative use of medium (1)	10	SCAF, etc.