Mapping American History
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General Technical Instructions for Course Assignments
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Your main assignments this semester will combine blog posts about a place in Richmond with maps that allow users to explore those sites online. Completing these assignments requires three technical components: uploading your material to the WordPress blog, identifying the place you are mapping in latitude and longitude (formatted in decimal degrees), and populating the class map using a rather simple form.

I. WordPress site:

    Register for a wordpress account. Your user name should be "urNETID," per the instructions given in class 1/17. You will use this blog to post, tag, and categorize your four primary assignments, as well as any additional posts. You will record the URL of each post in Wordpress and submit this to the webform (see step III).

II. Finding your place:

    Google Earth provides the latitude and longitude for the place to which your cursor is pointing. Hover over the spot to which you would like to link each image or the essay as a whole, and copy down these coordinates. They should be around 37 latitude and -77 longitude. Be sure that you are recording the lat/long in decimal degrees. If you are using multiple images or referring to multiple sites, please record the latitude and longitude of each.

III. Using the webform:

    The form can be found via the link on our course website's resources page. Fill out the webform once for every image you post with your essay, as well as other places that are important for your essay. You will need the following information:

    The name of your place
    The lat/long you recorded in step II
    The url of your image (if you have one), likely from the Wordpress blog
    The citation for your image (if applicable)
    The year associated with your image or map
    Your blog post/essay title
    The url for your blog post/essay, from the wordpress blog

That's it!