

Teach historians how to design a data story

A field report on the challenges of teaching data literacy by
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1 Create a data story yourself



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- ▶ Tell a story you already know
- ▶ Keep it simple and stupid
- ▶ Log all challenges along the way

Figure 1: Screenshot of our data story.

2 Teach others (in 1-day workshops)

- ▶ Have workshop participants read and critique your story
- ▶ Explain the motivation behind your story, how you developed it, and what challenges you had to solve
- ▶ Have participants discuss potential stories in groups

3 Iterate

- ▶ Improve your data story based on participant feedback
- ▶ Identify training needs of participants
- ▶ Create and share guidelines



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