

TITLE of Module: History, Heritage and Urban Change

Process

The creation of a thematic digital cultural map has generally 5 stages:

1. Initial Stage
2. Deciding the topic of the map
3. Collecting the available resources/materials and selecting the locations of our map
4. Confirming your locations with your own eyes
5. Drawing our map step by step

Stage 1- Initial Stage

The initial stage for any aspiring cultural worker or worker in the field of cultural management and historical memory preservation is to formulate a plan for developing their map.

The key questions you will need to resolve at this stage are:

1. Why do you want to create this digital map?
2. Who will your map address?
3. What will be the topic of your map?
4. What information will your map include?

-You may want to create a map for personal reasons or for the purpose of disseminating knowledge information about aspects of the unknown history and culture of your region. You may also want to create a map to stimulate the interest of your fellow citizens and to encourage them to visit the proposed sites.

-Your map can be addressed to ordinary citizens, lovers of the history and culture of your area, or even to tour operators and cultural promotion services of your municipality or community who wish to organise thematic tours on parts of the culture or history of your area that not many people may know about.

-The choice of topic for your map is open you can fit in as many places as you like that share a common element of history and culture that not many people know about your area.

-The choice of information that will be on your map can vary and depends on the target group of your map (question 2) you can add texts and notes, small simple or specialized info, you can even add url for your blog or other websites dealing with aspects of the culture and history of your region that not many people know about.

Tip: At the end of this stage it is absolutely essential that you have answered the above questions clearly and honestly.

Stage 2 Deciding the topic of the map

At this stage, things are completely open and your aim is to choose a clear topic for your chart.

It can really be anything this depends on the culture and history of your area, your interests, and knowledge, your available resources, but most of all on the **SUBJECT YOU ARE TRYING TO DISPLAY THROUGH YOUR MAP**.

Let's give some examples!

Your map can deal with:

- surviving sites, unknown but important, about the resistance against the Nazis in your town during World War II.
- rescued or ruined houses of well-known writers, poets, artists, musicians, or painters from specific art movements in your city.
- locations and history, of historic community garden projects in your area.
- important black history locations
- the surviving monuments/sites of a particular cultural community that is part of your community (e.g., Jewish monuments in your community)
- sites of preserved industrial archaeology in your area (old factories, industries, etc.)
- preserved baroque buildings in your area
- preserved or decaying buildings of importance for the trade union or political movements in your town,
- rescued historical graffiti and street art sites of particular importance for your city, and many others.

Tip: At the end of this stage, you should have clearly defined your topic. What locations you will deal with, what historical period they reflect and what exactly you are trying to highlight through your digital map.

Stage 3 Collecting the available resources/materials and selecting the locations of our map

As we have already mentioned, it is very important that the map you draw reflects your interests, knowledge, and information available to you. Before you start designing your map do thorough desktop research both on relevant websites and in archives, scrapbooks, books, and research related to your topic. Pay close attention to your sources and choose the appropriate number and extent of information to include! You certainly don't want your map to contain incomplete or incorrect information but you don't want it to be boring either! Choose information that will pique the interest of your potential target groups.

Tip: At the end of this stage you should have created a list of the main locations you want to highlight on your map, but also a list of specific information or photos you want to include and their sources. It is a good idea to

create a list in word or excel where you will make a list of locations, information/sources, and photos for each location.

Stage 4 Confirming your locations with your own eyes

It's time for a trip through your city! Modern cities change quickly and drastically and it is important to confirm with your own eyes that the locations you have chosen for your map are still preserved today and can be seen by the people who follow your map. In the event that an important building, or site has not been preserved does not necessarily mean that you should take it off your list and your map! You can always add information to be included for that location on your map.

Tip: At the end of this stage you should have reviewed your list of locations and moved on to the final selection.

Stage 5 Drawing our map step by step

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Attention! To use Google Maps you will first need to create a Google account if you don't already have one.

Step 1:

- Follow the instructions below to proceed with designing your map in Google maps: Sign in to your Google account.
- Create a new map in Google My Maps
- Choose a theme.
- Rename your map.

Check the first link: 1. Introduction to Create a Community "My Map" in the resources section and follow the instructions!

Step 2:

- Identify the historical/cultural locations in your community that are important to your thematic map.
- Add markers to show the locations on your map.
- Rename the locations.

Check the second link: 2. Find and Add Features on Your Map in the resources section and follow the instructions!

Step 3:

- Add a description to each location marker.

- Choose an image for each marker.

Check the third link: 3. Edit Your Features in the resources section and follow the instructions!

Step 4:

- Share your map with your partner and give them permission to view it.
- Write a note giving more historical or cultural info describing why the locations in your map are important

Check the fourth link: 4. Share Your Map in the resources section and follow the instructions!

Step 5:

Create a route planner with location markers in your custom cultural/historical google map

Check the 1st video *How to create a custom Google Map with Route Planner and Location Markers - [Google Maps Tutorial]* in the video section and follow the instructions!