



Geography Awareness Week 2025 Creative Map Contest

You are invited to showcase your **cartographic creativity** in an engaging and educational competition.

Contest participants are asked to design and submit original maps or interactive StoryMaps highlighting a theme of your choice. This contest encourages you to merge technical mapping skills with imaginative storytelling, fostering both artistic expression and spatial literacy.

Eligibility

- Open to students enrolled in undergraduate or graduate programs.
- Maps may be created with a professional software like ArcGIS Pro, free mapping software, or using traditional cartographic hand drawn map making techniques.

Guidelines

- Create a map of your local town or region highlighting your favorite landmarks, or landmarks significant to you.
- Make sure your map includes all standard map elements (e.g., title, legend, scale, north arrow) and list your data sources.
- Create a brief Story-Map describing your chosen landmarks. BONUS create your story map in a way that creates a connection or creative story linking your identified landmarks together.

Submission Requirements

- Submissions must include a created map in JPG format and related story map describing your selected landmarks identified on the map.
- Submissions to the contest should be sent via email to geosciences@fhsu.edu

Contest Information:

- Submissions will be judged on
 - map creation, presentation, clarity, and components
 - story map information, composition, creativity
- Judges will be a panel of FHSU faculty and student representatives.
- Awards and Recognition:
 - Judges will select a top submission for 1st place winner who will receive a prize of FHSU swag and certificate.
 - Top three submissions will be recognized and published for public viewing on the department website and social media platforms.

Check out the following link for an example created in ArcGIS Pro
Story map with the map and the story - <https://arcg.is/1veSjz2>