ArcGIS is a tool for working with maps and geographic information. It is used for creating and using maps, compiling geographic data, analyzing mapped information, sharing and discovering geographic information, etc. Story Maps, a feature within ArcGIS, are a great way to engage and inspire your audience. Follow these steps to get started on your own.

**To Start Your Map**

1. Go to *ArcGIS.com*. Login using your user name (student ID) and your password that you setup through your school email.

2. Click on **Groups** at the top of the screen. Then accept the group invitation in red.

3. Click on **Map** at the top of the screen.

4. Choose an area by panning and zooming on the map or search by typing an address or key words in the search bar (upper right hand corner). For example, type Edsel Ford High and click on the auto generated option to zoom into our school.

5. Click on the **Add** icon (top left) then **Add** **Map** **Notes** then **Create** to start inputting your data.

6. Choose a type of point (stickpin, pushpin or cross) to place on the location of your sample. Give it a descriptive name and provide your information from this location in the description box. You may change the symbol, size and color by clicking on **Change Symbol**; click **OK** when ready. Clicking **Close** will save your information that you just entered for that point. Repeat this process until you entered all your points and data.

7. Click **Save**. Give your map a descriptive title. Provide at least one tag, which helps with searches in the future. Examples of tags can include the words *chemistry* or *water* *contamination*.

8. Click **Save Map**. Continue to the steps below to build your Story Map.

**Building Story Maps (A Presentation Website)**

9. Next, click **Share** then **Create** **a** **Web** **App**.

10. On the left, select **Build a Story Map**.

11. There are 7 different types of Story Map formats you can choose. Click on one of these options then click on **Preview** until you make your decision. It is recommended that you do not use *Story Map Basic*. We recommend that you use *Story Map Cascade*, Story Map Series or *Story Map Shortlist*.

12. Once you have decided on the story map type click **Create Web App**. Double check your title and tags. Scroll down and click **Done**.

13. Start creating your Story Map presentation. The options are endless. Explore! Be creative!

14. Remember to click **Save** periodically. Keep your story on private until you are ready to present.

**Continuing Work and Making Changes**

To continue editing your Map or Story Map presentation at a later time you can log back in at *ArcGIS.com* and click on **Content** at the top of the page.

If you need to edit information on your points, choose the **Web Map** option. Then click on **View** **Application**. Continue editing your map and save. These changes will automatically update your Story Map presentation.

or

If you need to edit your presentation website, choose the option that says **Web Mapping Application.** Next, click on **Open in Map Viewer.** Continue editing your presentation and remember to save.

Don’t like these instructions? Check out this link for more info.: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/en/how-to/>

Want to see examples? Check out these Story Maps: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/en/gallery/#s=0>