

Digital Technology and Culture 375
Language, Texts and Technology
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Assignment guide for: **Life Map**

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Tasks your group needs to accomplish (not necessarily in this order):

- [] **Choose a name for your group** (What are things all of you have in common? Besides being students at WSUV and in this class, how else do your lives overlap?)
- [] **Choose a theme for your map** (What is it going to show? Why are you doing it this way (the viewer shouldn't have to ask)? You should be able to state, "It is an autobiographical map of _____.")
- [] **Choose a slice of time to represent** (Think of a map as a picture of a moment; this is a temporal concept; make sure you fix the time.)
- [] **How are you going to tell your individual story and the whole?** (Each person should create a unique autobiographical section of it that's distinct but also integrated with the rest of the group.)
- [] **What symbols are you going to use** (What are they going to look like? What are they going to mean? How are you going to create them? How are you going to describe them?)
- [] **How are you going to make the map dynamic and diverse?** (Show the highs and lows of your stories you are sharing; the big things that happen and the small? The important main threads and the tangents?)
- [] **What medium are you going to use?** (Papers taped together? Collage? A poster board that you share and create together? How are you going to present this to others? We are using print methods for this assignment, but we can be creative about the uses of print.)
- [] **How are you going to pull this off as a group?** (What kind of structure and organization do you need? What kind of meetings and deadlines? What other questions do you need to ask and answer?)