

Energy Transition Stories Assignment Spring 2025

Your final project develops a place-based Energy Transition Story that applies concepts we've examined in class. This could be a historical or contemporary case study in the U.S. or another country. Your case focus can be on a city/region so you can speak to the local cultural and identity issues associated with the case.

Your case can focus on agriculture, transit, energy production, delivery or consumption. You could also focus on a policy change. For example, you could develop a story like this [feature](#) on Denmark's energy island called Samso. You could also develop an example like this [story](#) about the city of Boulder's failure to fund a publicly owned electric utility. You can write about success or failure as long as your focus is on *transitions* toward a carbon free world.

The assignment includes writing a research paper (~8-10 pages in length including images/data and bibliography/approx 2500-3000 words) and designing a compendium StoryMap to share the *highlights*. Your StoryMaps will be presented in class at the end of semester. There is a sample project on Moodle that includes the proposal, draft, final paper and StoryMap.

Final project grade breakdown is: Proposal (10%), Outline (10%), Draft for peer review (30%), StoryMap presentation (20%), and submission of a final paper and StoryMap (30%). The points are spread this way to help you get started early. **This assignment is 30% of your final course grade.**

This assignment has several goals. I hope you learn to:

- Apply energy justice concepts to a case study of your choosing
- Develop research skills within the energy sector
- Become more experienced at the process of peer review
- Design a StoryMap intended to summarize your case for a popular audience
- Practice giving oral presentations about your research

TIMELINE

Thurs Feb 22: StoryMap workshop in the DRC in Library

Bring to the Library session a draft of a one page proposal consisting of:

- 1) a draft title of your project and summary of what you will likely cover and which energy justice concepts you will likely apply (e.g energy security, energy citizenship, energy burden)
- 2) during this session, you will build an initial **annotated** bibliography with 5-6 scholarly citations (choose a conventional citation style and keep it consistent).
- 3) after the session, and by Friday Feb 23 midnight, submit on Moodle your proposal with the annotated bibliography.

Tues April 1: Paper Outline due to Moodle at 9am. Roopali will schedule 1:1 meetings with all students.

Tues April 15: Second StoryMap Workshop in DRC in Library to build maps and other visuals for your site

Tues April 22: Drafts due for in class Peer Review

Tues April 29 and Thurs May 1: StoryMap Presentations in class

Monday May 5: Your Paper and StoryMap link should be submitted on Moodle.

*To find your map link, go to ArcGIS Online, then "my content," then select your story map. Locate the map's URL on the right, copy it, and paste the link. Share your map with your "organization," so it can be viewed by the class.