

Picking a Platform

What are you seeking from your site, and a content management system?

- Write a series of short-form writing
 - [WordPress](#), [WordPress.com](#), Static pages
- Invite others to comment and discuss writing
 - WordPress + [CommentPress](#), most platforms with [Hypothes.is](#)
- Collaborative writing, without needing much design
 - [MediaWiki](#), [PBWiki](#)
- Create non-linear paths for reading long-form narrative
 - [Scalar](#)
- Publish collections with standards-based metadata (out-of-the-box)
 - [Omeka](#), [Omeka.net](#), [Scalar](#)
- Create narratives based on digital items
 - Omeka, Omeka.net, [Scalar](#)
- Create and publish visualizations
 - [Scalar](#)
- Mapping items, and creating custom maps for narratives
 - Omeka, Omeka.net, [StoryMap](#)
- Timelines
 - [Timeline JS](#)
- Collecting from online audiences
 - Omeka, Omeka.net
- Publish a large amount and many types of content, including a blog, and collections, and customized applications, (like a museum might)
 - [Drupal](#); [Joomla](#)

Do you need a CMS?

- How much content are you producing, and in what format? Something simple like [Github pages](#) might work.

What are your technical infrastructure needs for this project?

- Do you need web hosting? (Try Reclaim: <https://reclaimhosting.com/>)
- Will you need direct server access?
- Who will be responsible for setting up and maintaining the project?
- Does this project require preservation or is it meant to be more ephemeral?

Usability/Accessibility:

- Look for themes that are responsive so your site works on many platforms
- Check to make sure that your design/build is accessible: <http://wave.webaim.org/>