

# GLOBE ENSO Student Research Campaign, the StoryMaps

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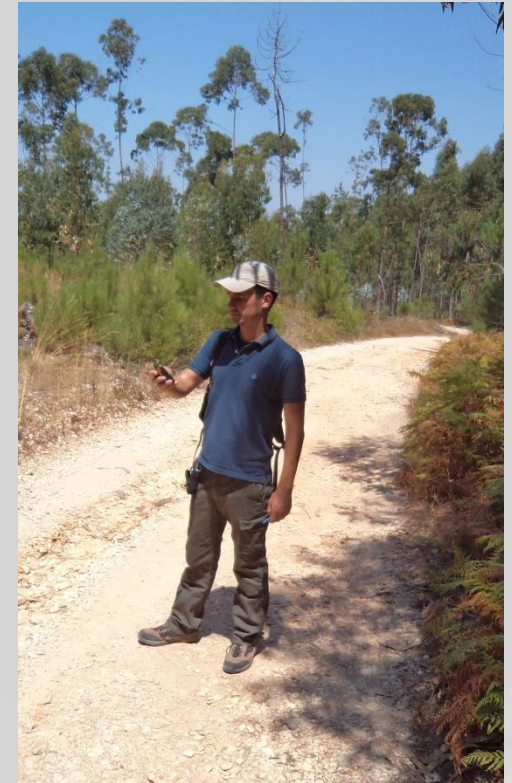
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# Introduction

- Biologist, Earth Observation.
- Today's messages:
  1. Scientists need feedback from the community;
  2. Educators, students, and citizen scientists can play A big role in science.
  3. StoryMaps can contribute to the establishment of a fruitful dialogue..

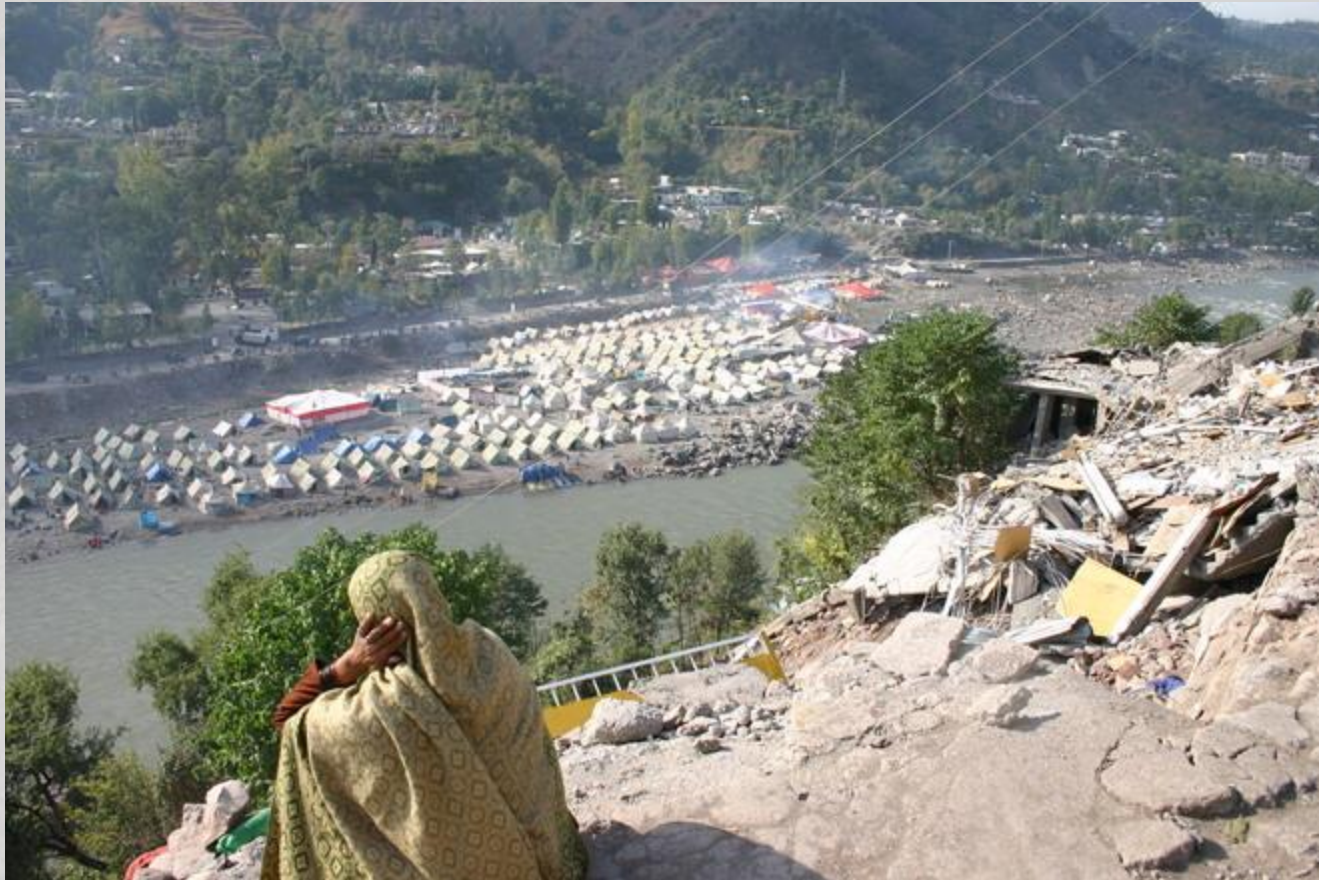


# Science and people

- Scientists often study phenomena that affect the population.



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# Dialogue

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# Story Maps as a solution

- StoryMaps combine personal experiences and stories with geographic data: a **story and its context**;
- **Writing** about an experience often helps the writer to consolidate ideas and stimulates creativity, fostering the **development of new hypothesis and the formulation of new challenges**;
- Captivate the audience with compelling narratives.



# StoryMaps

El Niño, the story maps

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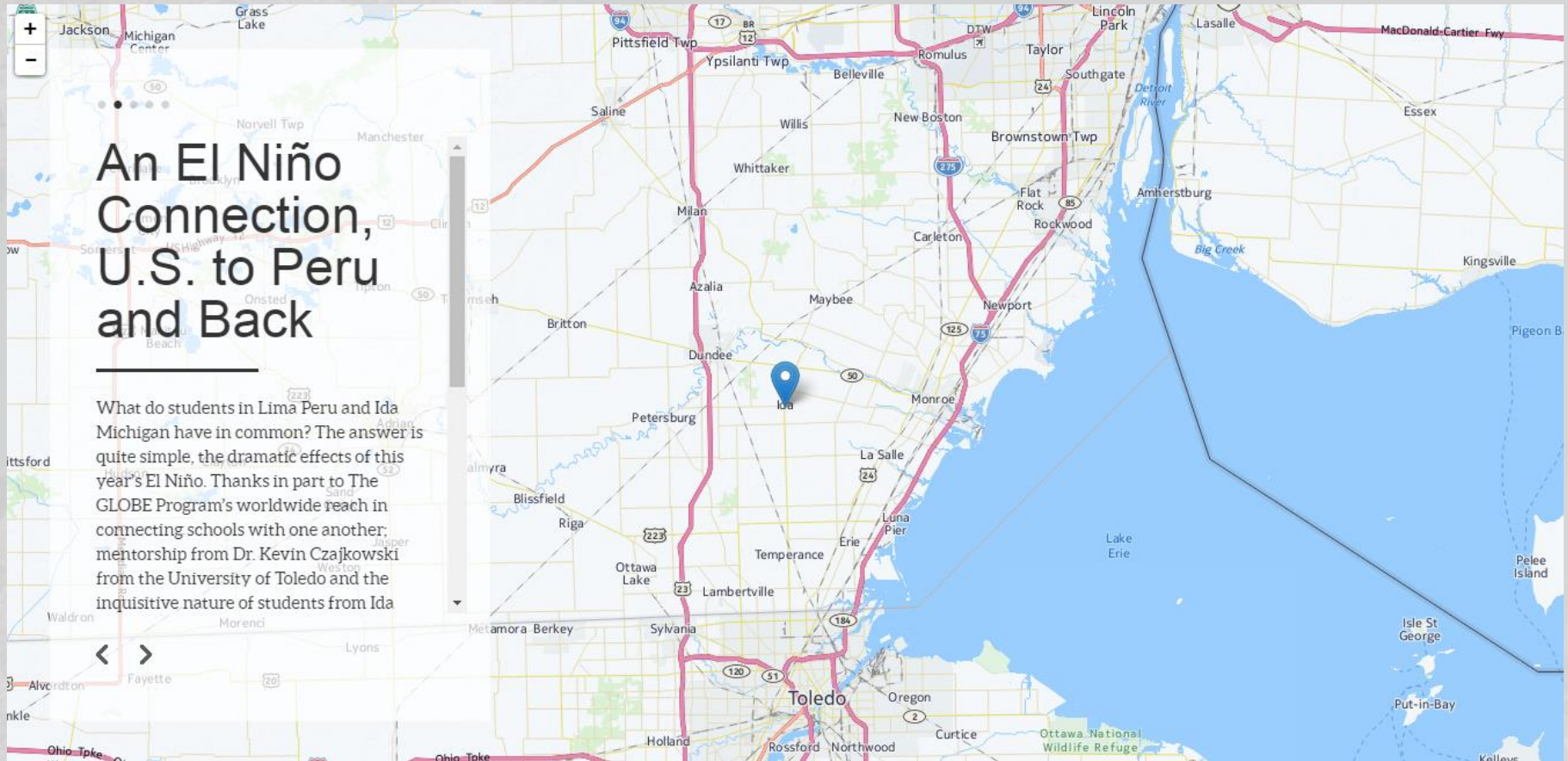
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The screenshot displays a StoryMap interface. On the left, an information panel contains a text block and a photograph of children. The text reads: "with Dorian Janney, a NASA Education and Outreach Specialist, to do an investigation to determine the impacts of the El Niño on the daily temperatures and monthly precipitation in Damascus, MD." Below the text is a photograph of five children standing outdoors, some holding papers. At the bottom of the panel, the text "Learn more [here](#)." is displayed, with the word "here" circled in red. The main map area shows a satellite-style view of the Damascus, MD region, with a blue location pin centered on the town. The map includes labels for various locations such as Friendship, Claggettsville, Purdum, Little Bennett SVP, Little Jennett Creek SVP, Upper Magruder Branch Park, Magruder Branch Park, Cedar Heights, Great Seneca Park, Bootjack, Annapolis Rock, Patuxent River State Park, Hipsleys Mill, and Etchison. Major roads like Ridge Rd, Woodfield Rd, and Damascus Rd are also labeled. The interface includes standard map controls like a zoom in (+) and zoom out (-) button, a vertical scroll bar, and navigation arrows at the bottom left.

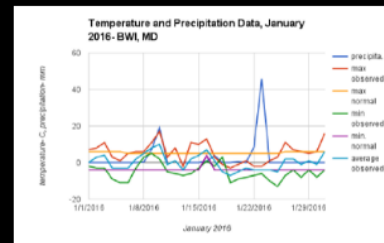
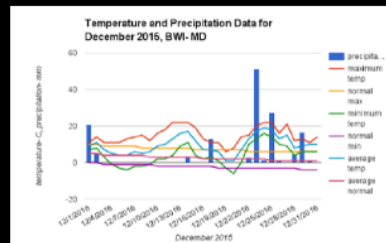
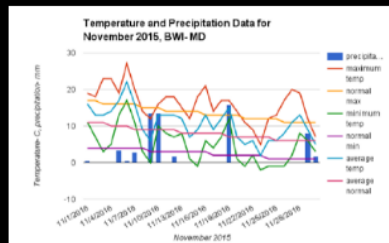
# StoryMaps

During the winter of 2015-2016, several third and fourth grade students worked with Dorian Janney, a NASA Education and Outreach Specialist, to do an investigation to determine the impacts of the El Niño on the daily temperatures and monthly precipitation in Damascus, MD.



The students would go out most days and would use a rain gauge to measure the precipitation, and would use a surface temperature thermometer to measure the low, high, and average temperatures for each day.

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We concluded that our weather in this region was impacted in the way that the meteorologists had predicted: We had warmer than average temperatures and more precipitation than we usually do during the months of November, December, and January.

We found that the daily maximum temperature was higher than normal for 66/92 days, which means that about 72% of the time, the daily maximum temperature was above the normal maximum temperature.

We found that the daily average temperature was above the normal average temperature for 60/92 days, which means that about 65% of the days had above normal average temperatures.

We found that the daily minimum temperature was above normal minimum temperatures for 52/92 days, which means that about 57% of

# StoryMaps: how to participate

- Send us the following information:
  - Who are you? What do you do?
  - Location of the story;
  - Your contribution (report, photo, video, reflection, a tale, or anything else you see fit);
  - Photos and videos help your story to stand out.



# StoryMaps: how to participate

- Ideas for stories:
  - How did the temperature and rainfall change?
  - How did the vegetation or land cover changed in response to different weather patterns?
  - How did your community respond to extreme events (floods, drought)?
  - What actions are you and your community taking to adapt to climate change?



# StoryMaps: how to participate

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# StoryMaps: the future

- The StoryMaps platform is still evolving;
- New features to be presented soon;
- Do you want to collaborate? Send us an email to join us... Dialogue is the key!



# Thank you!

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