Introduction: In this project, I aspired to create an interactive map of American Indian boarding schools using ArcGIS Story Maps. The United States federal government created boarding schools to assimilate American Indian children into white, mainstream society – separating them from their cultures and community. In exploring the map, each boarding school listed has related digital resources – for scholars and an academic audience. 

Research: Most of the research needed for this project was not into the historical background of the schools, but finding names, locations, years of operation, and reputable digital resources. It was difficult to not include every random resource that may have been helpful, but to include as many encompassing digital resources as possible.

Conclusion: In researching digital resources for American Indian boarding schools, there are many dead ends. It was difficult to find a cohesive list of each federal boarding school compared to others, and many of the websites with information were either outdated or unreadable. However, I hope I can continue adding to this map to create a successful resource and pursue outreach to online exhibits and communities that work with American Indian boarding school legacies.