Dotting The Connections

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The Big Story

- Many events are multi-faceted, or involve evolving circumstances (e.g. the events of the Arab Spring).
- A timeline can usefully organize the facets of an event, but putting the events into coherent threads in the overall narrative, as parallel timelines, can be useful (e.g. how the Arab Spring manifested in different countries)
Tools for creating maps

- A simple tool that allows an editor to lay out a story's threads and their intersections in an appealing way.
- Nice web interface and serialized input/output for sharing.
Non-linear narrative

People think of time as a linear progression, but actually, it's more like a wibbly wobbly ball of timey wimey stuff.

Two Charities Start Fund to Help Haitians in New York.
What's Next?

• Larger, clearer map with labeled nodes and paths

• More interaction for users after editing phase (e.g. see word clouds representing paths, query for similar stories from an unseen pool).