Add Illustrations to KMaps

Add Images from Online Sources

You can add illustrations from online sources to Knowledge Maps. These are featured image files that are representative of the place or subject. You can add any file accessible via URL in the "Illustrations" section of the KMap editor. If your image is not already hosted online, you can add it to Images in Mandala.

1. Edit a KMap
   - Learn more with Edit a KMap

2. Click **Illustrations**
   - The **Illustrations** section will unfold

3. Click **New Illustrations**
   - You'll see a form with illustration metadata

4. Next to "Picture Type," choose **External**
   - This option may be chosen by default

5. Enter the URL to your image file
6. Choose **Yes** for "Is Primary" if this is the default illustration
7. Click **Create**
   - You'll see a message confirming your new illustration, along with a preview of the image

Using Mandala Images as an External Source

You might want to use Mandala Images as illustrations. In this case, you should use the URL of the image, which will look something like https://cicada.shanti.virginia.edu/images/mandala/shanti-image-617461/full/!1000,/0 /default.jpg?1582174694691. (This is **not** the same as the URL to the image and associated metadata, which will look something like https://images.shanti.virginia.edu/image/untitled-57489.) To get this URL:

1. Open the image item in Mandala Images
2. Right-click on the image itself
   - You'll see an option like **Open the Image in New Tab**

   - The exact wording of this will depend on your browser; you might see an option like **Copy Image Address** instead

   - If you use **Copy Image Address**, the image URL will copy to your clipboard automatically; you can then use that URL in KMaps by following the guide above

3. Copy the URL of the new tab in your browser
4. Follow the guide above to use the URL in KMaps