WAGER ON WIKIPEDIA: INFORMATION LITERACY IN THE DIGITAL AGE
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GETTING STARTED ON WIKIPEDIA

• **Create an account** (rather than editing anonymously).
• **Edit your user page** to become more comfortable with visual and/or source editing.
• **Use Sandbox** as a space to brainstorm article ideas and begin writing new articles.
• **Begin small.** Add wikilinks, copyedit articles, or add references to existing articles.
• **Consider Wikipedia’s standards,** such as core content policies (neutral point of view, verifiability, no original research) and content guidelines (particularly notability and reliable sources).

SUGGESTED WIKIPEDIA ACTIVITIES

• Create new material (article, section, etc.)
• Edit/improve existing articles
• Add citations
• Analyze references for a given article
• Make a case for a change/addition/deletion
• Proofread for readability and grammar
• Rewrite complex articles for general comprehension
• Explore the context of controversial edits
• Summarize without plagiarizing
• Write in a neutral point of view
• Translate pages into another language
• Use Wikipedia for research
• Describe items in a collection

13 THINGS TO CONSIDER FOR YOUR WIKI EVENT

1. Theme
2. Suggested articles to edit
3. Good Wi-Fi
4. Promotion
5. Snacks
6. Giveaways
7. Space and access to electrical outlets
8. Experienced Wikipedia editors
9. Account creation*
10. Community engagement
11. Number of participants
12. Contact info and follow-up
13. Have fun!

*Only 6 accounts can be created from a single IP address.

WikiProjects, Campaigns, & Social Movements on Wikipedia

• **#1Lib1Ref** — encourages all librarians to add citations
• **AfroCrowd** — create and improve information about black culture and history
• **Art+Feminism** — annual worldwide edit-a-thon focusing on female artists
• **Black Lunch Table** — task list of black visual artists who are under-represented on Wikipedia
• **GLAM-Wiki** — Wikimedia Foundation initiative that helps cultural institutions (galleries, libraries, archives, and museums) share information about their resources with the world
• **Wikipedia + Libraries** — OCLC project to strengthen ties between (public) libraries and Wikipedia with shared goal of providing free public access to knowledge and resources
• **Women in Red** — make red links blue with focus on women’s biographies, works by women, and women’s issue

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Useful Wikipedia Links

INTRODUCTION TO EDITING & CONTRIBUTING TO WIKIPEDIA

  en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:The_Wikipedia_Adventure
• Help:Menu/Editing Wikipedia — basic editing, saving your edits, how to write an article, style and formatting, article standards, article maintenance
• Wikipedia:Manual of style — generally accepted standard that editors should attempt to follow, though occasional exceptions may apply
• Help:Cheatsheet — list of Wikitext codes for source editing
  en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:Cheatsheet
• Help:Introduction to referencing with VisualEditor/1 — how to create references for Wikipedia entries using Visual Editor
  en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:Introduction_to_referencing_with_VisualEditor/1
• Wikipedia:Your first article — learning how to create an article, using Article Wizard
  en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Your_first_article

WIKIPEDIA EVENTS

• Wikipedia:How to run an edit-a-thon — about planning and hosting an edit-a-thon
  en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:How_to_run_an_edit-a-thon
• Grants:Start — information on WMF grants for individuals, groups, and organizations
  meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Grants:Start
• Wikipedia:Meetup — about Meetups (Wikipedia events where contributors gather to socialize or collaborate)
  en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Meetup

FINDING ARTICLES TO EDIT OR PROJECTS TO JOIN

• Random Article (link on Wikipedia left sidebar) — takes user to random Wikipedia page
  en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Special:Random
• Citation Hunt — finds articles that need citations
  tools.wmflabs.org/citationhunt/
• Wikipedia:WikiProject — all about WikiProjects, find a project to join or contribute to
  en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:WikiProject

WIKIPEDIA COMMUNITY GATHERING PLACES

• Wikipedia:Community portal — a place that lists current collaborations, tasks, and news about English Wikipedia
  en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Community_portal
• Wikipedia:Teahouse — a place to learn about Wikipedia and to ask questions
  en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Teahouse