

## Pre-Lesson Homework:

### Tasks:

Explain Wikipedia's fundamental principles. (Do further research on Wikipedia.)

### Wikipedia: Definition

“Wikipedia (/ˌwɪkɪˈpiːdiə/ (listen) *wik-ih-PEE-dee-ə* or /ˌwɪki-/ (listen) *wik-ee-*) is a [free content, multilingual online encyclopedia](#) written and maintained by [a community of volunteers](#) through a model of [open collaboration](#), using a [wiki](#)-based editing system. Individual contributors, also called editors, are known as [Wikipedians](#). It is the largest and most-read [reference work](#) in history. <sup>[3]</sup> It is consistently one of the 15 most popular websites ranked by [Alexa](#); as of 2021, Wikipedia was ranked the 13th most popular site.<sup>[3][4]</sup> It is hosted by the [Wikimedia Foundation](#), an [American non-profit organization](#) funded mainly through donations.<sup>[5]</sup>”

**Wikipedia's fundamental principles** are summarized in five pillars:

1. Wikipedia is an Encyclopedia
2. Wikipedia is written from a neutral point of view  
(Further information: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Neutral\\_point\\_of\\_view](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Neutral_point_of_view))
3. Wikipedia is free content that anyone can use, edit, and distribute
4. Wikipedia's editors should treat each other with respect and civility
5. Wikipedia has no firm rules

(Wikipedia contributors, "Wikipedia," *Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia*, <https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Wikipedia&oldid=1071043064> [accessed February 16, 2022],  
Cf. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Five\\_pillars](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Five_pillars))

## Introduction to the Lesson:

### Questions:

- How
- When
- How often
- Why do you use Wikipedia?
- Do you believe Wikipedia is a reliable source?

### Tasks

*Watch: Wikimedia. It is time to #OpenTheKnowledge. 2021,*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PsxtlcaxDdl&ab\\_channel=WikimediaFoundation](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PsxtlcaxDdl&ab_channel=WikimediaFoundation), <https://t1p.de/Ojwym>

1. *Outline Wikimedia's Vision and Mission Statements.*

### Wikimedia's vision statement is:

"Imagine a world in which every single human being can freely share in the sum of all knowledge. That's our commitment."

(<https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Vision>)

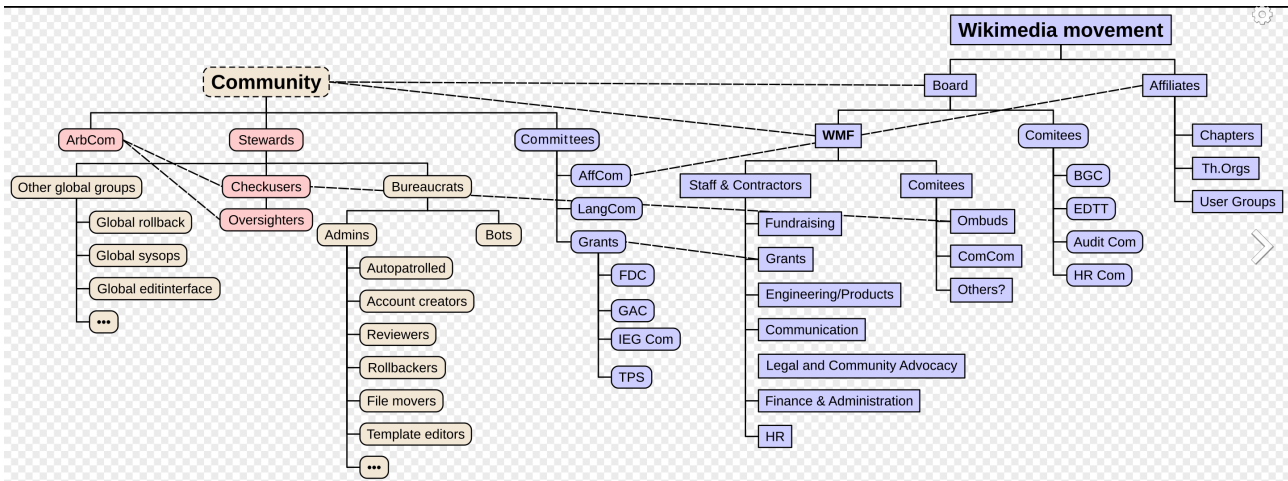
### Wikimedia's mission statement is:

"The mission of the Wikimedia Foundation is to empower and engage people around the world to collect and develop educational content under a [free license](#) or in the public domain, and to disseminate it effectively and globally.

In coordination with a network of individual volunteers and our [independent movement organizations](#), including recognized [Chapters](#), [Thematic Organizations](#), [User Groups](#), and Partners, the Foundation provides the essential infrastructure and an organizational framework for the support and development of [multilingual](#) wiki [projects](#) and other endeavors which serve this mission. The Foundation will make and keep useful information from its projects available on the Internet [free of charge](#), in perpetuity."

(<https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Mission>)

## Wikipedia's Administrative Structure



### Tasks:

Read the following Wikipedia article: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Administration#Human\\_and\\_legal\\_administration](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Administration#Human_and_legal_administration) (<https://t1p.de/a1mi2>)

1. Define the duties of the English Wikipedia's
  - Editors
  - 5 Stewards
  - 8 ArbCom
  - 20 Bureaucrats
  - 480 active Admins.
  
2. (Explain their election processes.)  
Explain who predominately produces knowledge in Wikipedia.
  
3. Discuss:
  - Does/Can Wikimedia fulfill its vision statement: “every single human being can freely share in the sum of all knowledge“?

**Pre-Lesson Homework:**

Watch *Using Wikipedia: Crash Course Navigating Digital Information #5*, <https://t1p.de/v6a4l>.  
Take notes on advantages and disadvantages of using Wikipedia as an encyclopedia.





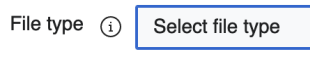
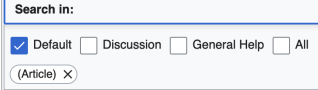
**Introduction to Lesson:**

Quote: "Wikipedia is not a reliable source and should not be used in an academic context."



**Tasks:**

1. Read and explore How to Use Wikipedia like a Pro.
2. Explain functions of how Wikipedia verifies its articles.
3. Taking into account UC Berkeley's Evaluating Sources (<https://guides.lib.berkeley.edu/evaluating-resources>), discuss advantages and disadvantages of using Wikipedia for research purposes.
4. Create a guideline for students of how to appropriately use Wikipedia in an academic context.
5. Contribute to Wikipedia by editing or writing an article.

## How to Use Wikipedia like a Pro: Basics

Level: Basics Finding a Wikipedia Article	Function	Definition	Link to the Function
	Main Page	Wikipedia Landung page: "in the news", "featured article", "on this day"	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page</a>
	Portals	Main pages for specific topic areas	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Contents/Portals">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Contents/Portals</a>
	Special Search	Advanced search options	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Special:Search">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Special:Search</a>
	Special Search: Advanced Search	Advanced search options: "search in page text", "structure", "files and images", "sorting order"	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Special:Search">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Special:Search</a>
	Special Search: Advanced Search: File Type	Search for texts, audio, video files	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Special:Search">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Special:Search</a>
	Special Search: Advanced Search: Discussion	Search in talk pages, ....	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Special:Search">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Special:Search</a>

How to Use Wikipedia like a Pro: Intermediate

Level: Intermediate Evaluating the Quality of a Wikipedia Article	Function	Definition	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Verifiability">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Verifiability</a>
 This article needs to be updated.	Warning Labels	Before Wikipedia articles: Tags used in order to flag pages, which violate Wikipedia guidelines, e.g. neutral point of view, verifiability, no original research, citation needed, ...	
<h2>References</h2>	References	At the bottom of Wikipedia articles: Primary sources, scholarly journals	
	Locks	Protection policy for important articles: categories range from fully-protected (Goldlock), which can only be edited by administrators to pending changes protection.	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Protection_policy">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Protection_policy</a>
<span>Article</span> <span>Talk</span>	Talk	Editors can discuss improvements to the Wikipedia article	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Level 1</div>	Talk: Vital Articles: Levels	Centralized watchlist to track the quality status of important articles. The most important articles are: Level 1.	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Vital_articles">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Vital_articles</a>
	Talk: Vital Articles: Class	Assessing quality of an article	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Content_assessment">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Content_assessment</a> ( <a href="https://t1p.de/6706f">https://t1p.de/6706f</a> )
<span>Read</span> <span>View source</span> <span>View history</span>	Talk pages	Contact Wikipedians, who have contributed to a Wikipedia article	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:Talk_pages">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:Talk_pages</a>
<span>Tools</span> <a href="#">What links here</a>	What links here?	Reference to other Wikipedia pages which link to the current Wikipedia article	

## How to Use Wikipedia like a Pro: Pro

<b>Level: Pro</b> <b>Contributing to Wikipedia</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<a href="https://guides.lib.vt.edu/wikipedia">https://guides.lib.vt.edu/wikipedia</a>
<b>Create account</b>	Create an account (editing without an account is possible, but your IP address will automatically publicly be published)	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Special:CreateAccount">https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Special:CreateAccount</a>
	Editing Wikipedia: a guide to improving content on the online encyclopedia	<a href="https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/1/18/Editing_Wikipedia_brochure_EN.pdf">https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/1/18/Editing_Wikipedia_brochure_EN.pdf</a>
	Adding references	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Articles_needing_additional_references">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Articles_needing_additional_references</a>
	Adding images	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:Menu/Images_and_media">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:Menu/Images_and_media</a>
	Writing a Wikipedia article	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Article_development">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Article_development</a>
Criteria of Writing a Wikipedia Article	Writing better Wikipedia articles	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Writing_better_articles">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Writing_better_articles</a>
	Expanding articles	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Articles_to_be_expanded">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Articles_to_be_expanded</a>

**Additional information**

Topic	Title	Link
Using Wikipedia for Research	Using Wikipedia: Crash Course Navigating Digital Information #5	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ih4dY9i9JKE&amp;ab_channel=CrashCourse">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ih4dY9i9JKE&amp;ab_channel=CrashCourse</a>
Criteria for Reliability of Wikipedia Articles	Reliability of Wikipedia - Criteria for evaluating reliability	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reliability_of_Wikipedia#Criteria_for_evaluating_reliability">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reliability_of_Wikipedia#Criteria_for_evaluating_reliability</a> ( <a href="https://t1p.de/4jqp">https://t1p.de/4jqp</a> )
	PB Pressbooks: 18 Using Wikipedia Effectively	<a href="https://oer.pressbooks.pub/collegeresearch/chapter/using-wikipedia-effectively/">https://oer.pressbooks.pub/collegeresearch/chapter/using-wikipedia-effectively/</a>
Reliability of Wikipedia	Reliability of Wikipedia	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reliability_of_Wikipedia">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reliability_of_Wikipedia</a>
	Reliability of Wikipedia in short	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Researching_with_Wikipedia#A_slightly_longer_%22nuts_hell%22_summary">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Researching_with_Wikipedia#A_slightly_longer_%22nuts_hell%22_summary</a> ( <a href="https://t1p.de/v6a4l">https://t1p.de/v6a4l</a> )
Evaluating Wikipedia Articles	Evaluating Wikipedia: Tracing the evolution and evaluating the quality of articles	<a href="https://outreach.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Evaluating_Wikipedia_brochure.pdf">https://outreach.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Evaluating_Wikipedia_brochure.pdf</a>
	How to Use Wikipedia as a Teaching Tool	<a href="https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/9/92/Instructor_Basics_How_to_Use_Wikipedia_as_a_Teaching_Tool.pdf">https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/9/92/Instructor_Basics_How_to_Use_Wikipedia_as_a_Teaching_Tool.pdf</a>
Wikipedia + Education		<a href="https://outreach.wikimedia.org/wiki/Education">https://outreach.wikimedia.org/wiki/Education</a>
	Instructor Orientation Modules	<a href="https://dashboard.wikiedu.org/training/instructors">https://dashboard.wikiedu.org/training/instructors</a>



Language Support:

