

CS 5306 / INFO 5306

Fall 2017

Assignment 2

Due: Thursday, October 5

The goal of this assignment is to make you familiar with the experience of working on Wikipedia.

- Review:
 - The “five pillars of Wikipedia”: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Five_pillars.
 - The “plain and simple” guide to Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Plain_and_simple
 - Wikipedia’s username policy, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Username_policy.
 - How to edit a page: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Tutorial/Editing>.
- Go to <https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Special:CreateAccount> and create an account (if you already have one you don’t need to do this).
- Review https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:User_pages and add information to your user page at whatever level you prefer.
- Wikipedia has a “sandbox” where you can play around with editing Wikipedia pages. Please give it a try: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Sandbox>. A one-page guide to Wikipedia’s markup language can be found at https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/b/b3/Wiki_markup_cheatsheet_EN.pdf.
- Do one or more of the following tasks:
 1. Improve an article's sources. See Wikipedia’s guide to citations/references: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:Introduction_to_referencing_with_Wiki_Markup. See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:WikiProject_Fact_and_Reference_Check/Open_tasks, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Articles_with_unsourced_statements, and https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Articles_lacking_reliable_references for ideas.
 2. Copyedit an article – correct grammar, punctuation, simplify language, or otherwise make some text correct and/or easier to read. You might find helpful suggestions at Wikipedia’s list of articles needing copyediting, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Wikipedia_articles_needing_copy_edit.
 3. If you speak more than one language, compare articles on the same topic in two different languages and if one is lacking information given by the other, translate it and add it to the one that is lacking.
 4. Add to or correct information in existing article or add a relevant chart, graph, or other image to an article. You might get helpful ideas from Wikipedia’s “backlog” page, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Wikipedia_backlog. Note that the material cannot be copyrighted. See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:How_to_create_charts_for_Wikipedia_articles.

If you do something in the medical domain, please note the information at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:WikiProject_Medicine/How_to_edit.

5. Create a new article. This is not for the lighthearted. For more about how to do this review https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Your_first_article, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Article_development, and <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Notability>.
 6. Participate in a discussion about an article. See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:Talk_pages for more information.
- Go to https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdnPf7GWC78rtsC9Kxkks9BPP0lygU1hX1cq24z1qsesyapYw/viewform?usp=sf_link and fill out the form with the requested information. If you did more than one of the above you will need to submit it multiple times. If you do this include your name and Wikipedia user account URL for only your first entry. Please answer the other items as appropriate for your task(s), but make sure you've answered the final questions on at least one of your responses.