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A Truly Authentic Audience: Student Writing and Editing on Wikipedia

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<https://bit.ly/2Gvhsq9> (Wikipedia “meetup” page for this session)

- Listen to Wikipedia: <http://listen.hatnote.com/#uk,fr,en,sv> (scroll down to add languages)

Agenda

1. Why Wikipedia?
2. Pedagogical foundations
3. Pedagogically useful features
 - Associated assignments
4. How to get started

Pedagogically Useful Features of Wikipedia

- Talk pages
- Ways to find articles in need
 - article ratings and WikiProjects
 - Citation Hunter/WikiGrabber
- Teacher Infrastructure

Talk pages:

The screenshot shows the Wikipedia interface for the talk page 'Talk:Christopher Columbus/Archive 1'. At the top, there are navigation links like 'Nymaker', 'Talk', 'Sandbox', 'Preferences', 'Beta', 'Watchlist', 'Contributions', and 'Log out'. A search bar is also present. Below the navigation, there is a banner for 'Wikimania, our Wikimedia community conference' with a deadline of March 30th. The main heading is 'Talk:Christopher Columbus/Archive 1'. A yellow warning box states: 'This is an archive of past discussions. Do not edit the contents of this page. If you wish to start a new discussion or revive an old one, please do so on the current talk page.' Below this, there is a 'Contents' section with a 'hide' link. The contents list three items: '1 Untitled' (with sub-items '1.1 Genocide' and '1.2 Slave trade'), '2 Edit conflicts' (with sub-item '2.1 Flat Earth digression'), and '3 Assessment comment'. On the left side, there is a sidebar with various Wikipedia navigation links like 'Main page', 'Contents', 'Featured content', etc. The 'Talk' tab is circled in green.

WikiProjects and article ratings

Talk:Soccer in Canada

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

This article is within the scope of [WikiProject Football](#), a collaborative effort to improve the coverage of [Association football](#) on Wikipedia. If you would like to participate, please visit the project page, where you can join the [discussion](#) and see a list of open tasks.

C This article has been rated as **C-Class** on the project's [quality scale](#).

Quality	Importance							Total
	Top	High	Mid	Low	NA	Other	???	
★ FA	2	18	33	32				85
★ FL		2	18	182				202
⊕ GA	1	44	251	324				620
B	9	206	458	479				1,152
C	15	194	1,668	2,480			1	4,358
Start	11	370	10,361	38,949	2		1,337	51,030
Stub		26	18,694	82,617	22		37,169	138,528
List	3	16	191	4,609			1	4,820
Book					47			47
Category					55,317			55,317
Disambig					138			138
File					9,266			9,266

Assignment: "Critique an Article"

- Study "Good" article: What makes it good?
- Find "C" class article and identify two+ things wrong with it;
- Put comments on article's Talk page (public spaces where users are expected to assume good faith and practice good digital citizenship)

There are many ways to contribute to Wikipedia:

- Create a new article
- Add content to an existing article
- Add citations (CitationHunt & Wikigrabber)
- Edit for grammar and usage

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Course Activity

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Articles Created

9

Articles Edited

539

Total Edits

10ⁱ

Student Editors

14.4K

Words Added

77.5K

Article Views

11ⁱ

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