YOUR GUIDE TO EDITING ON WIKIPEDIA

to increase the representation of cis and trans women, the arts, and feminism on Wikipedia
Art+Feminism is a global initiative addressing the gender gap on Wikipedia by improving content on cis and trans women, the arts, and feminism. In 2011, the Wikimedia Foundation found that less than 10% of editors on the platform were women. That's a huge problem. It's a problem because without representation from cis and trans women in the preservation of their own stories, we get skewed content that misses the mark on the value and existence of their impact on history.

Last year alone, we worked with organizers across 35 countries to lead events that teach people of all identities how to edit on the platform and address the gender gap. Our goal is to edit 10,000 pages of women, people of color, and LGBTQ communities by the end of 2018.
EDITOR = YOU

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE AN EDITOR FOR WIKIPEDIA?

Editing on Wikipedia is an opportunity to improve accessibility to and knowledge of underrepresented communities. By participating with our campaign, you contribute to one of the largest canons of information on the internet. Some people think editing only means creating new articles and adding paragraphs to biographies, but it doesn’t. There are people who check citations to make sure they are correct, people who edit for grammar and understanding, and even editors whose sole focus is to add the day of a person’s death when they pass away. Kinda creepy we know, but it’s a fact. Our point is Wikipedia needs you and just because your editing looks different from the editing of another person doesn’t mean it’s not valuable.
RULES FOR EDITING ON WIKIPEDIA

There are a few things you need to know when editing in Wikipedia:

1) STAY NEUTRAL (THIS TIME).

All Wikipedia articles and other encyclopedic content must be written from a neutral point of view, representing significant views fairly, proportionately and without bias.

2) MAINTAIN VERIFIABILITY.

Material challenged or likely to be challenged, and all quotations, must be attributed to a reliable, published source. In Wikipedia, verifiability means that people reading and editing the encyclopedia can check that information comes from a reliable source.

3) NO ORIGINALITY, PLEASE.

Wikipedia does not publish original thought or original research; all material in Wikipedia must be linked to a reliable, published source that is not you. New analysis or synthesis of published material that advances a position not not clearly proven by the sources is a no-no.

4) DON’T BE MESSY.

Sometimes being messy is fun, but not in the world of documentation. If you think you have a Conflict Of Interest (COI), don’t create the article; post that someone else should create it on a related talk page¹. Editors should never write articles about themselves or about where they work, for example. Articles about notable people that are clearly written by them are deleted all the time.

5) USE RELIABLE SOURCES.

If available, academic and peer-reviewed publications are usually the sources Wikipedia considers most reliable. Other reliable sources include university-level textbooks, books published by ‘respected’ publishing houses, magazines, journals, and mainstream newspapers.

6) TEST NOTABILITY.

Information on Wikipedia must be verifiable or checkable; if no third party sources can be found on the topic, then most likely any article created on the topic will be deleted².

7) KNOW YOUR STUB.

A stub is an article that, although providing some useful information, is too short to provide full view of a subject. If a stub has very little verifiable information, or if its subject has no apparent notability, it may be deleted or be merged into another relevant article.

INCRE迪BLY USEFUL RESOURCES FOR EDITING

Need a more in depth lesson on editing? Click here to receive our Quick Guide for Organizers.

¹ Talk Pages are places where editors argue about articles, you’ll learn more about these later in life.
² We emphasize the words ‘respected’ and ‘reliable’ because so much of history has excluded women, Black and brown people, queer and trans folks, etc., We want to be clear that just because Wikipedia’s rules say something or someone isn’t notable, does not mean it’s not notable.
JOIN THE COMMUNITY

LAST YEAR OVER 2,500 PEOPLE GATHERED ACROSS 35 COUNTRIES TO EDIT WITH US ON WIKIPEDIA. WE WANT YOU TO BE NEXT.

When you hashtag your event photos, you help us track the growth of our campaign. Use these hashtags below so we can find you.

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It takes more than one event a year to close the information gap. Keep learning. Visit our YouTube page here for quick videos about editing on Wikipedia.

HOST A EDIT-A-THON
You can volunteer to host a free event that teaches other people how to edit on Wikipedia at your local library, museum, community co-working space, etc., Click here to receive our Quick Guide for Organizers.