

ENG 3080J

Writing & Rhetoric II



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Writing Task 2 (WT2): Class Wikipedia Page

Summary

For WT2, you'll contribute a small piece to a Wikipedia page that we're going to work on collaboratively as a class.

Basic Requirements

Your specific contribution will be determined at a later date. Each member of the class will do something different.

Due Date

The final page will be completed by December 4th at 11:59 PM, but your specific contribution will likely be due earlier

Learning Objectives

The purpose of WT2 is to build on knowledge in the following areas:

- Working collaboratively as a team
- Understanding wikis and collaborative authoring
- Responsibilities of putting new information into the world
- Breaking large tasks into manageable pieces

Task Basics

- As a class, we will choose a topic that either has no page on Wikipedia or has a page that's poorly written or incomplete. Ideally, the topic is local, so we can gather information directly.
- After the topic has been chosen, we will determine a set of small steps to complete the task. We will likely have to do all or most of the following:
 - Research our topic
 - Gather primary data
 - Conduct interviews
 - Summarize research
 - Organize the page
 - Write paragraphs
 - Find images
 - Include links
 - Edit
 - Check for errors
 - Format text for Wikipedia
 - Post page
- When our topic has been chosen and specific tasks determined, each student will be given one small task to complete for the page and a deadline to complete it. Deadlines in this case are extremely important: it's likely that no one else will be able to complete his or her task until you've completed yours.

Grading

Your grade for WT2 will be based on the following:

- **Completion:** Did you do your task?
- **Quality:** Was your task completed well enough that it did not need to be redone.
- **Deadline:** Was your part of the project on time?

Writing tasks are worth 500 points. You will begin this task with 500 points and lose points for not meeting the criteria. If your task is incomplete, you will receive 0 points. If it needs to be redone, you will receive 250 points maximum. If your task is late, it will lose 100 points per day.