# Wikipedia for postgrads & researchers

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# What's a Wikimedian in Residence?

# Wikimedia Foundation

Imagine a world in which every single human being can freely share in the sum of all knowledge.

That's our commitment.

# Not just Wikipedia

# Pillars of Wikipedia

★ An encyclopedia

★ Neutral point of view

★ Free content

★ Respect & civility

★ No firm rules

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**Topics should meet Wiki's standard of notability**

**Avoid conflict of interest**

**No original research - "verifiability not truth"**

| Wikipedia articles by quality and importance | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Importance | | | | | |
| Quality | Top | High | Mid | Low | NA | Total |
| GA | | | 3 | 6 | | 9 |
| B | 5 | 3 | 14 | 7 | | 29 |
| C | 5 | 16 | 18 | 23 | | 62 |
| Start | 1 | 13 | 51 | 73 | | 138 |
| Stub | | 2 | 9 | 44 | | 55 |
| List | | 2 | 2 | 7 | 66 | 77 |
| Book | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Category | | | | | 372 | 372 |
| Disambig | | | | | 2 | 2 |
| File | | | | | 9 | 9 |
| Project | | | | | 51 | 51 |
| Redirect | | | | 2 | 50 | 52 |
| Template | | | | | 34 | 34 |
| NA | | | | | 3 | 3 |
| Assessed | 11 | 36 | 97 | 162 | 588 | 894 |
| Total | 11 | 36 | 97 | 162 | 588 | 894 |
| WikiWork factors (?) | ω = 1,333 | | | Ω = 4.73 | | |

# More than meets the eye

★ **Quality & ratings scale**
★ **Vandalism picked up quickly**
★ **Wikipedia is more accurate than you think**
★ *Study by Nature in 2005, found Wiki nearly as accurate as Britannica (2.92 errors per article comp to 3.86 on Wikipedia.)*
★ *Journal of Clinical Oncology, 2010 found Wiki as accurate as Physician Data Query.*
★ **Ease of editing reflects ongoing debate**

# What's a reliable source?

# Wikimedia & Open Education

# What are the benefits of OER in teaching & learning?

Collaborative learning - co-curation & co-creation

Public outreach

Accelerating research outcomes

Starting point, not an end point

Use of databases, understanding sourcing, data visualisation
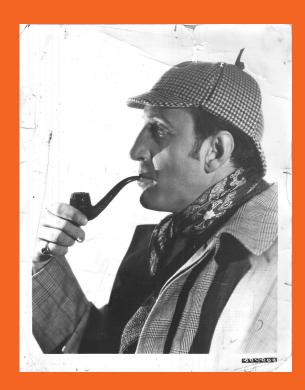
Professional development

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# Open Education & Open Culture

# The Wiki-Detective Challenge

★ **Find today's featured article, & its talk page**

★ **Who was the most recent contributor?**

★ **What did they contribute?**

★ **In which other languages is it written?**

★ **In which categories does it fall?**

# Create your user page

# Let's talk about markup

Just a little bit...

{{this is a new user}}

{{New user article}}

{{New user being trained}}

{{reflist}}

~~~~ to sign a talkpage

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**Prepare your article in your sandbox**

**Search for the article name**

**Click "Create"**

**Copy & paste…**

**Add {{new user article}} to the talk page**

# Thanks!

*I'll drop by your talk page soon with some useful bits & pieces... and please join the Scot-Wiki mailing list!*

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