

Wikipedia Edit-a-Thon: The Logistics

Below you will find a step-by-step guide for setting up a Wikipedia account, and signing up to participate in the Spring 2022 Amplifying Appalachia Edit-a-thon (March 21-26).

Remember, for your Wikipedia additions, revisions, and edits to show up as part of the event's statistics (which are super important for demonstrating our campus engagement!), **you must be logged in through the event dashboard.**

Step 1: Create a Wikipedia account. (If you already have one, that's fine! Feel free to skip to the next section.)

1. Visit [Wikipedia](#).
2. At the top right of the screen, select "Create account."
3. Then, fill out the appropriate information. This includes username, password, and email address.
 - a. **Note:** Consider using a username that is **not** your real name. Because Wikipedia is publicly-available, that means the edit histories are as well, so your username will show up in article histories.
4. Now you have an account!

Not logged in Talk Contributions **Create account** Log in

Read View source View history Search Wikipedia

Step 2: Sign up for the Edit-a-thon through Art+Feminism.

1. Visit the Art+Feminism [event page](#).
2. On that page, click the black "Register" button.
 - a. If you aren't already logged into Wikipedia, this will ask you to log in.
3. Then, click "Join Program" and enter in the following password, when prompted:
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4. Now, you should be logged in to the [Wikimedia Event Dashboard](#)! It should look like the image below in Step 3.
5. Bookmark this page so you can get back to it easily. We will post important information, including links and resources, to this page throughout the week of the event.

Step 3: View suggested articles to edit.

The screenshot shows the Wikimedia Event Dashboard for the Amplifying Appalachia 2022 Edit-a-thon. The top navigation bar includes links for My Dashboard, Training, Documentation, and Report a problem. A language selector is set to 'en', and there are links for Uterodactyl and Log out. Below the navigation bar, a secondary bar shows 'Amplifying Appalachia 2022 Edit-a-thon' and tabs for Home, Editors, Articles (circled in red), Uploads, and Activity. The main content area displays four statistics: Articles Edited (0), Total Edits (0), Editors (1), and Words Added (0). At the bottom, there is a section titled 'My Articles' with buttons for 'Assign myself an article', 'Review an article', and 'Find Articles'. A note at the bottom right states 'Last statistics update: a month ago. See more'.

There are two ways to access the list of articles we have curated for the event.

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Option 1: You can access the full list of articles [here](#).

Option 2:

1. While logged into the [Wikimedia Event Dashboard](#), click on “Articles.” (See annotated image above.)
2. Select “Available Articles” on the far right of the screen. “Assigned Articles” are articles that are up for revision, as well.
3. You will find a list of articles that fit under the overall theme of our Edit-a-thon, which is amplifying the accomplishments of underrepresented Appalachian writers, artists, and other creators, particularly women, people of color, and LGBTQ+ community members.
 - a. **DO NOT assign an article to yourself. Multiple people will be working on these, so they all need to stay present in the “Available Articles” queue.** Just use this list as a reference.
 - b. These are classified according to level of development. For example, a **stub** article has very little information and needs much more content, while a **c-class** article has some basic information, but needs more detail. For greater detail on how Wikipedia classifies pages, see the [Content Assessment page](#).

You can, of course, edit articles not on this list or create pages of your own. This is just a starting point.

Here are several other helpful links that you might want to check out:

[WVU Libraries Libguide](#) (has SO much info!)

[Wikimedia Training Library](#) (contains short modules on how to edit)

[Art+Feminism Quick Guide for Editing on Wikipedia](#) (PDF overview)

[Art+Feminism Training Videos](#) (step-by-step videos for editing)

[Art+Feminism Slides for Editing](#) (step-by-step slideshows on editing topics)

[Wikimedia Markup Cheatsheet](#) (guide for editing)

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