

Wikipedia Edit-a-thon Extra Credit Ideas

There are many ways to contribute to our Wikipedia Edit-a-thon even if you're completely new to editing Wikipedia. We encourage you to participate any way you can, **from Wednesday, March 1-Friday, March 31**. Every contribution counts!

(Students can also earn iServe hours: https://iserve.wvu.edu/need/detail/?need_id=770352)

Here are just a few options that are relatively basic for new Wikipedians:

- Assess an existing entry according to Wikipedia's content assessment guidelines and make improvements accordingly:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Content_assessment
- Copyedit an article: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Basic_copyediting
- Add references to an article:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:Referencing_for_beginners
- Expand a [stub](#) or a [list](#)
- Add media to an article: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Uploading_images
- Review an article and indicate where more citations are needed:
[#Review_Wikipedia](https://en.wikiversity.org/wiki/Activities,_assignments_and_assessment/Edit_Wikipedia#Review_Wikipedia)
- Rewrite an existing article for [Simple English Wikipedia](#)

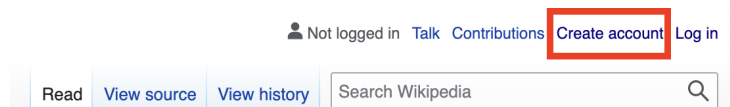
Important notes:

1. Before you make edits to a page, check that page's Talk section to make sure that edit hasn't already been made and reverted.
2. Familiarize yourself with Wikipedia's [Ten Simple Rules](#) and [Manual of Style](#).
3. For basic, short tutorials on how to make edits, etc., visit [Wikimedia's Training Dashboard](#).
4. Use the [Teahouse](#) to ask questions when you can't find answers elsewhere.

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.

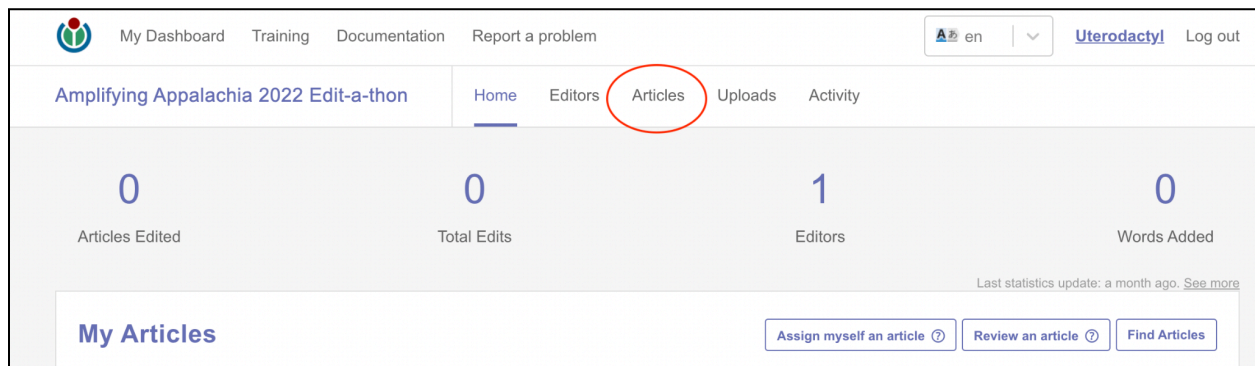


- a. **Note:** Consider using a username that is **not** your real name. Because Wikipedia is publicly-available, that means the edit histories are as well, so your username will show up in article histories.
4. Now you have an account! Note that in order to have full account privileges (i.e. create new articles, upload files, and edit semi-protected pages), you must have made 10 edits or your account must be older than four days.

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: **app23**
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: Make edits to appropriate pages.



1. Peruse the pages that have been identified as in need of attention by visiting [this page](#) of the Event Dashboard.
2. You may also work on an article of your own choice, provided it is related to our overall theme of amplifying under-represented creators and creations in and from the Appalachian region.
3. **Be sure that you are logged into your Wikipedia account while editing;** otherwise, your contributions will not be counted as part of our total contribution!
4. When you’re finished, be sure to take the post-event survey. We really appreciate it!

Step 4: Documenting your changes.

Your instructor might want you to document your contributions to the Edit-a-thon. You can do this in a range of ways: screenshots of the page before and after to show your edits are one way, but sharing the [history of the page](#), or your own [user history](#) can also show what you’ve

done (provided you share your user name with your instructor). You can also write up a brief reflection about your experience—just be sure to include what contributions you made.