

HIST 312 – Wikipedia Project

Wikipedia Project

Everyone will complete a Wikipedia assignment worth 40% of their total grade. This will be the major research assignment of the quarter. You will be expected to add, review, and reorganize content on one of the available articles, as well as add images or graphics if possible. Topics selected will focus on historical individuals (artists, politicians, historical figures, religious or military leaders), as well as other important aspects of life in the ancient world (laws, festivals, etc.). You will also participate in peer-review of your colleagues' contribution drafts (each student will review two contributions). At the end of the project you will write a short reflection on the experience. Finally, you will submit a research project proposal related to your Wikipedia project. This will include a research question, a hypothesis, and a one- to two-page description (800–1000 words) of the project including the main arguments, sources, and evidence.

Project Goals

This assignment gives you the opportunity to participate in public history. You have the chance to share your knowledge and your resources, and to contribute to a public good! It will also challenge you to write for a general audience, and especially, to write in a neutral tone without argument (though you will get the chance to write a more traditional "argumentative" assignment with the research project proposal).

Getting Started

In order to join the Wikipedia page for the class, please follow this link:

****when you click the link, make sure you choose an anonymized ID during setup (please watch video to see explanation)****

[Wiki Edu Class Portal](#)

Instructions

I have recorded an instruction video for the Wikipedia Assignment. It is also embedded below:



(Workshop participants — you can click on the image for the link or find the video [here](#))

Now that you have watched the instruction video, read through the [assignment grading rubric](#) so that you know how the assignment will be assessed.

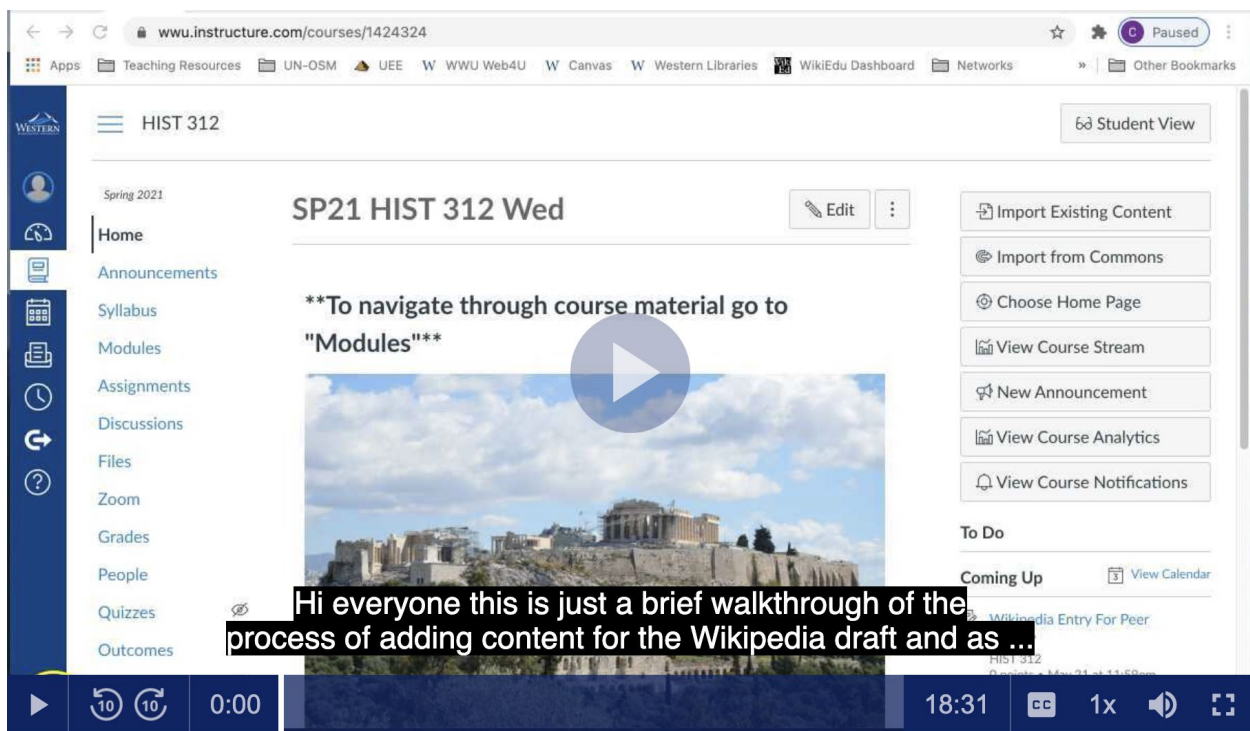
Timeline

The deadlines for the different components of the project are listed on the syllabus and in the [Wiki Edu portal Timeline](#) (you can download a word document of the training and assignments [here](#)). Instructions for each

assignment are also included on the "Assignment" page for each component (for example, the [Peer Review Instructions](#) can be found in Files, but also on the Peer Review Assignment page).

Editing Walkthrough

Below is a video demonstrating how you can add content to the article Sandbox during your drafting stage. I also include some discussion of how you can find primary and secondary sources and images for your article.



The image shows a screenshot of a Canvas LMS course page for HIST 312. The page title is "SP21 HIST 312 Wed". The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with items: Home, Announcements, Syllabus, Modules, Assignments, Discussions, Files, Zoom, Grades, People, Quizzes, and Outcomes. The main content area displays the text: "**To navigate through course material go to 'Modules'***". Below this text is a video player showing a play button over a landscape image of a classical building. A text overlay on the video reads: "Hi everyone this is just a brief walkthrough of the process of adding content for the Wikipedia draft and as ...". The right sidebar contains a "To Do" section with buttons for: Import Existing Content, Import from Commons, Choose Home Page, View Course Stream, New Announcement, View Course Analytics, and View Course Notifications. The video player at the bottom shows a progress bar at 0:00 and a duration of 18:31.

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