Women in War and Peace

Welcome to our
Wikimedia training event

June 24th 2020

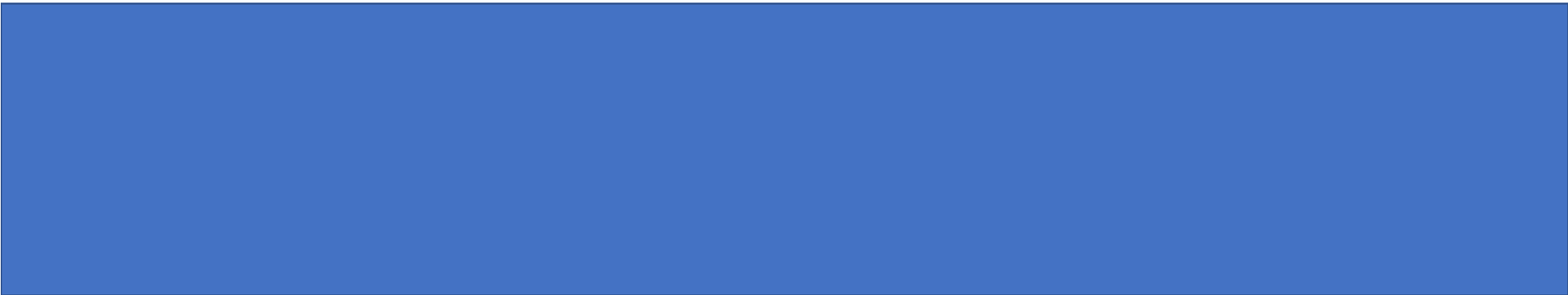# Why are you here? Head, heart & hands

🧠   what do you want to *know?*
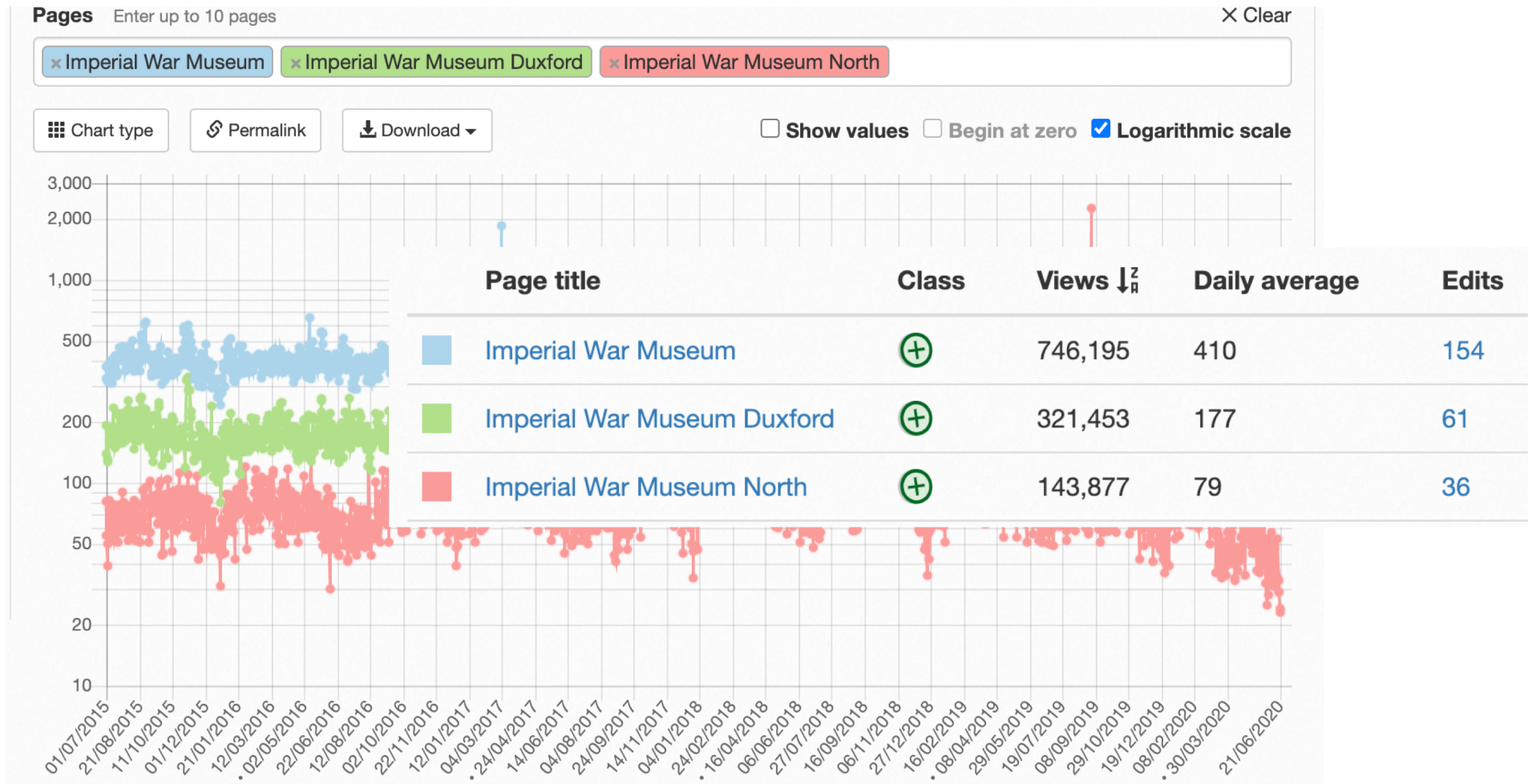
❤️   how do you want to *feel?*

✋   what do you want to *do?*

Why edit Wikipedia? Because its wrong!

- Poorly written (in places)

- Incomplete (sometimes)

- Lacks citations (to verify factual claims)

- Frequently lacks pictures, especially good ones!

- Systemic bias (by omission) e.g. :
  - Gender biased en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gender_bias_on_Wikipedia and some women are treated badly
  - Racially biased en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Racial_bias_on_Wikipedia for example en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_Lives_Matter

Why edit Wikipedia? Because people read it

Pages   Enter up to 10 pages   ✕ Clear

| ✕ Imperial War Museum | ✕ Imperial War Museum Duxford | ✕ Imperial War Museum North |

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Page title	Class	Views ↓ᶻᴬ	Daily average	Edits
🟦 Imperial War Museum	⊕	746,195	410	154
🟩 Imperial War Museum Duxford	⊕	321,453	177	61
🟥 Imperial War Museum North	⊕	143,877	79	36

Why edit Wikipedia? Because people read it!

- 15 billion times by over 1.5 billion unique devices in 2019

- 500 million visits *per day*, or about 6000 visits *per second*

- To put it another way, every month, people spend ~60,000 years reading Wikipedia articles!

- See w.wiki/V5T for details

- image by Jason.nlw from w.wiki/V5X

Five pillars
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Five_pillars

- Wikipedia is an encyclopedia (not a soapbox, vanity press or ad platform)

- Wikipedia is written from a neutral point of view (NPOV)

- Wikipedia is free content that anyone can use, edit & distribute

- Wikipedia editors should treat each other with respect

- Wikipedia has no firm rules (ignore all rules w.wiki/i)

Why edit Wikipedia: Systemic bias

- In 2014 what proportion of biographies are about women?

- When you're ready: Post in the chat dialogue

In 2014 proportion of biographies that were about women

15.53%

Why edit Wikipedia? Systemic bias

As of 23rd June 2020, only 318,844 of 1,723,693 biographies are about women (**18.50%**)

- See www.womeninred.org

- Konieczny et al (2018). "Gender gap through time and space: A journey through Wikipedia biographies via the Wikidata Human Gender Indicator". *New Media & Society*. **20** (12): 4608–4633. doi.org/gdp836

- See whgi.wmflabs.org/gender-by-language.html

- At the current rate when will we reach gender parity (50:50 male:female)

Gender parity (50:50) by

2080

Why edit Wikipedia? Its fun and you learn

- As well as building subject knowledge you will learn
- Data literacy
- Digital literacy
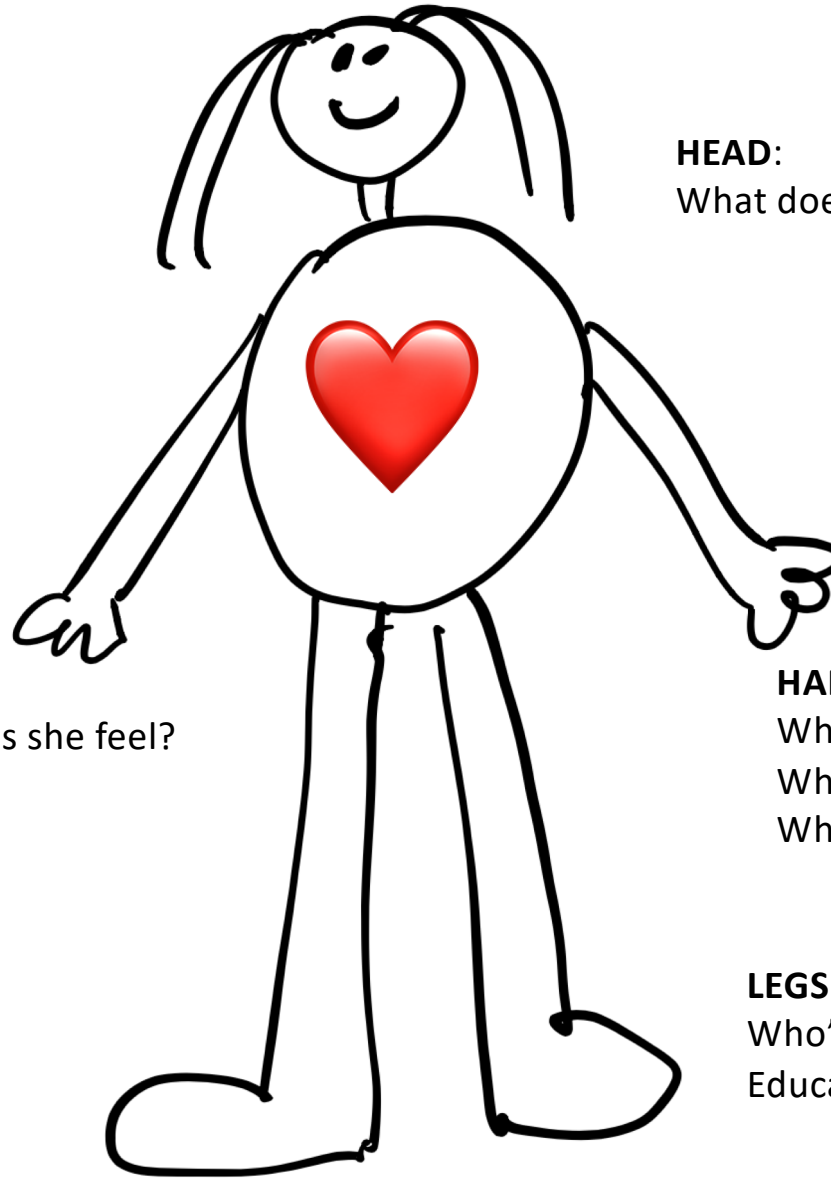- Information literacy
- Computer literacy

End

- Break for 10 minutes
- Please create an account if you haven't done so already at w.wiki/V5f

How to edit

- Assuming you've created an account
- Go to w.wiki/V4g
- draft an article

Your turn!

Build a biography

HEAD:
What does she know? What's in her head?

HANDS:
What can she do?
What is she known for?
Who did she help?

HEART: What does she believe? How does she feel?

LEGS:
Who's shoulders does she stand on?
Education, influences etc

Where to carry on

- Editing Wikipedia w.wiki/V5Z

- Illustrating Wikipedia w.wiki/V5a

- Wikipedia adventure w.wiki/3qs

- See also University of Edinburgh resources thinking.is.ed.ac.uk/wir/wikimedia-resources-how-to-get-started/