Digging into USDA Research History Wikipedia Editing Workshop

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More about the Wikimedia Affiliates Model

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Agenda

- Housekeeping
- What is Wikipedia?
- Why edit?
- Wikipedia's gender gap
- Basics and policies
- Article anatomy
- Adding/Editing Content
- Other ways to edit

Housekeeping

Wifi, wiki event page, username creation

Connect to WIFI

Network:
Innovation Hub

Create A Username/Sign-in : en.wikipedia.org

Navigate to the wiki event page.

Go to Wikipedia.org and enter the following shortcut into the search bar.

WMDC-USDA

Bookmark this page. We will use it throughout the day.

Wikipedia

What exactly is it, anyway???

What is Wikipedia?

Wikipedia is a multilingual, web-based, free encyclopedia based on a model of openly editable content. It is the largest and most popular general reference work on the Internet. [Wikipedia] is supported by the Wikimedia Foundation, a non-profit organization which operates on money it receives from donors.

From Wikipedia (en)

Wikipedia: the 21st-century encyclopedia

“Imagine a world in which every single person on the planet is given free access to the sum of all human knowledge. That's what we're doing.”

-Jimmy Wales, co-founder, Wikipedia

About us

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Overseen by nonprofit Wikimedia Foundation

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5+ million articles, 270+ languages

75k active users/month, 11k very active users/month

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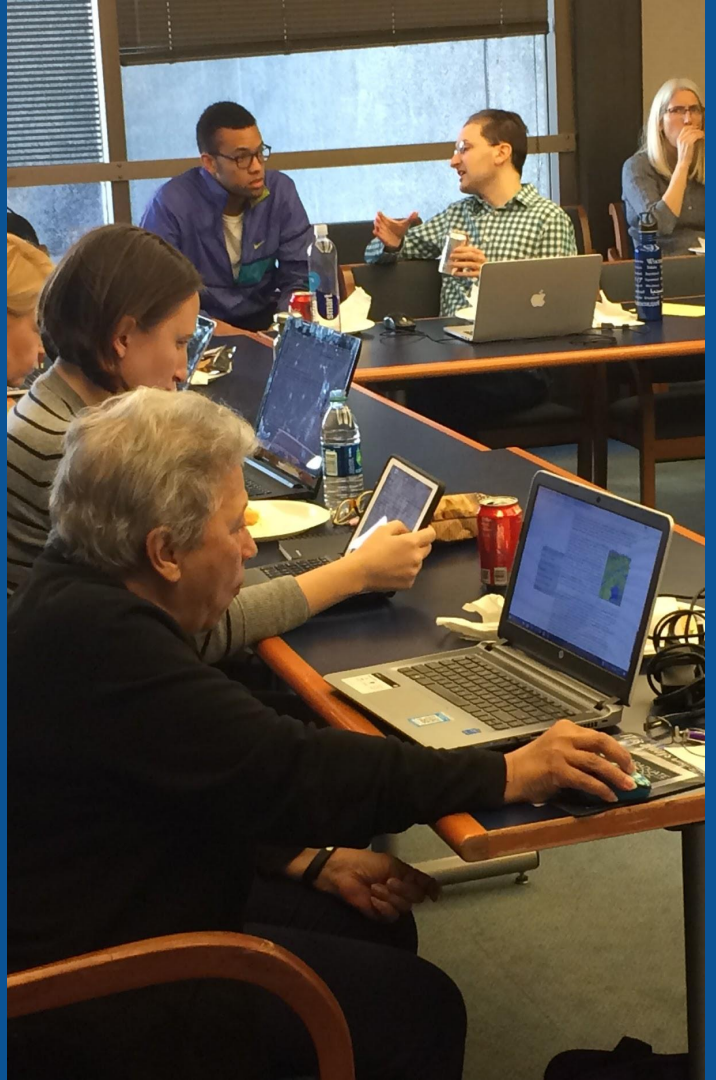
Wikipedia Basics and Policies



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Georgetown University

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Wikis

- A website where anyone can edit any page at any time
- Meant to be "quick"
- Remembers all versions (nothing ever destroyed)
- Hyperlinks between pages

Wikipedia policies

- **Neutral Point of View** - written so all sides can agree
- **Notability** - significant independent sources -> importance
- **Verifiability** - Using reliable sources to reference information
- **No original research** - point to existing scholarship
- **Assume good faith** - start with congenial spirit
- **Conflicts of interest** - disclose and abide by terms of service

Why Edit?

Photo: Women's Economic Empowerment Edit-a-thon, Embassy of Sweden

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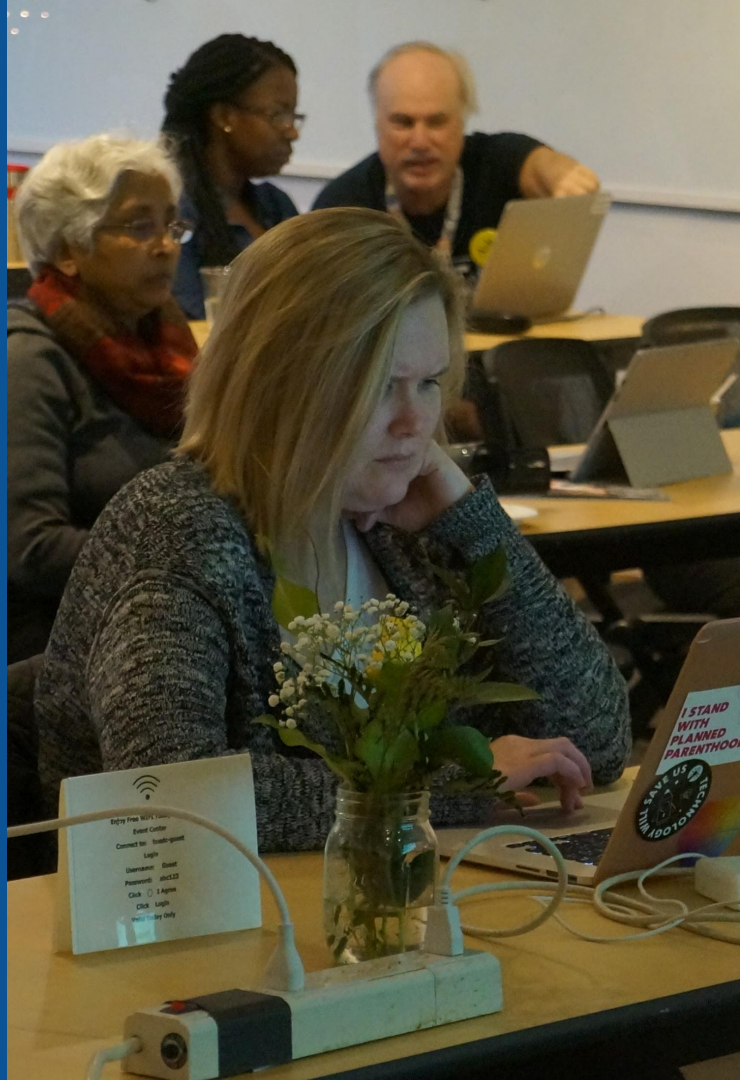

Why Edit?

Because #FactsMatter

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xQ4ba28-oGs

Engaging GLAMS

Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums

Photo: Art and Feminism Wikipedia-Edit-A-Thon
Smithsonian American Art Museum

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The **GLAM–Wiki initiative** ("galleries, libraries, archives, and museums" with Wikipedia; also including botanic and zoological gardens) helps cultural institutions share their resources with the world through collaborative projects with experienced Wikipedia editors.

Why Engage GLAMs?

- Gatekeepers of art, culture and history
- Subject matter experts
- Access to collections, libraries, images
- Engaged audiences and stakeholders

Why Partner with Wikipedia

- **Mission fulfillment (education, community engagement, interpretation)**
- **Share resources and collections with the world**
- **Drive millions of WP page views per day**
- **Measure impact by monitoring article views**

***Be mindful of the Conflict of Interest Policy**

Why Partner with Wikipedia

- **Document collections in case of emergency**
- **Quickly mobilize the Wikimedia community**

See Article:

National Museum of Brazil fire

Wikipedia's Gender Gap

Photo: Art and Feminism Wikipedia-Edit-A-Thon
National Museum of Women in the Arts

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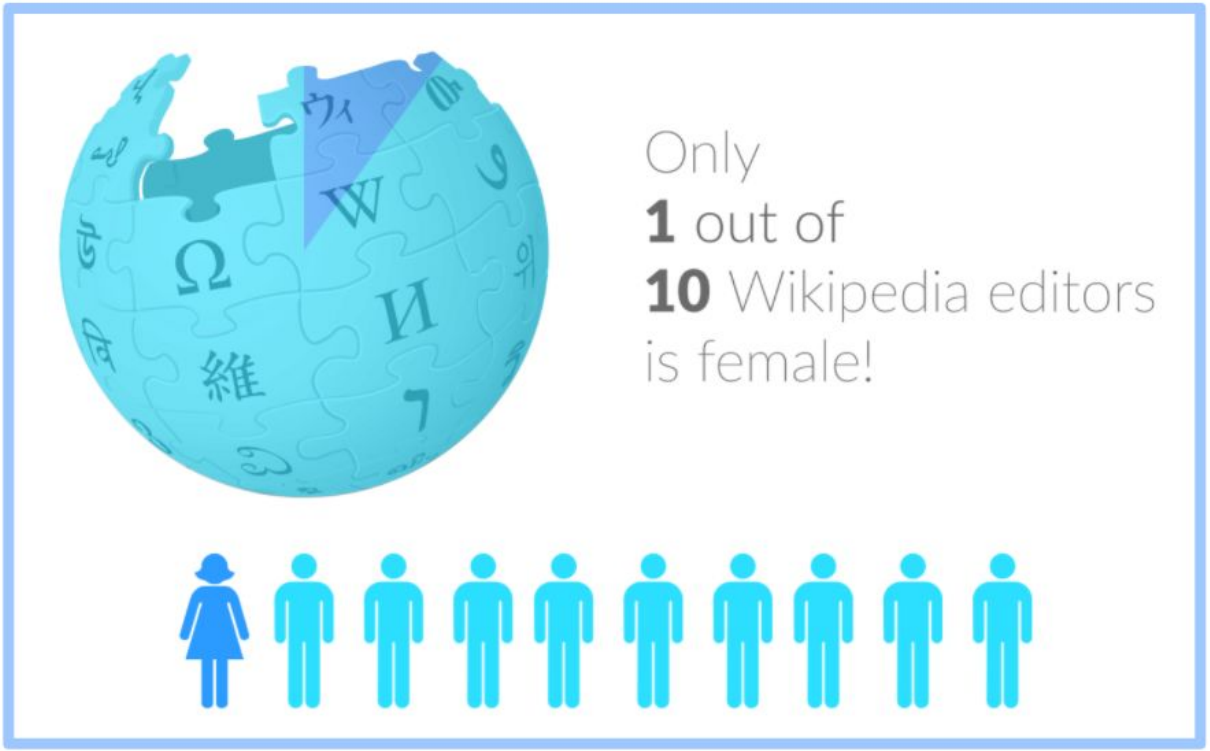
Editor gender gap? Unsilence the silent



Content gender gap? Make the invisible visible

Percentage of women's biographies

1957	November 2014	May 2017
3.6%	**15%**	**16.97%**
Ramón Armando Rodríguez. *Diccionario Biográfico, Geográfico e Histórico de Venezuela*	English language Wikipedia	English language Wikipedia

How Can We Fix This?

- Engagement through edit-a-thons, training opportunities and Wikiprojects like Women in Red. (Example: NMWA event featured the the BBC)
- Ideal Partners Are: Nonprofits*, colleges/universities, government entities and beyond

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***75% of nonprofit employees are female.**
These nonprofits include educational, scientific and literary organizations. It's time to engage these 'gatekeepers'.

*Source The White House Project's 2009 report, ***Benchmarking Women's Leadership***,

Set Preferences

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National Archives

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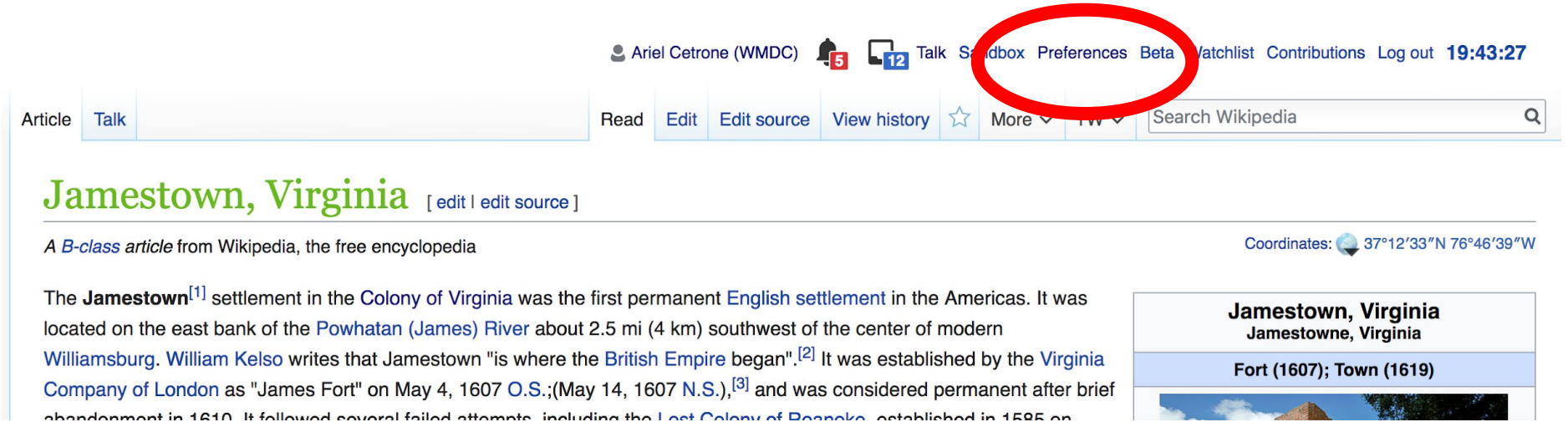

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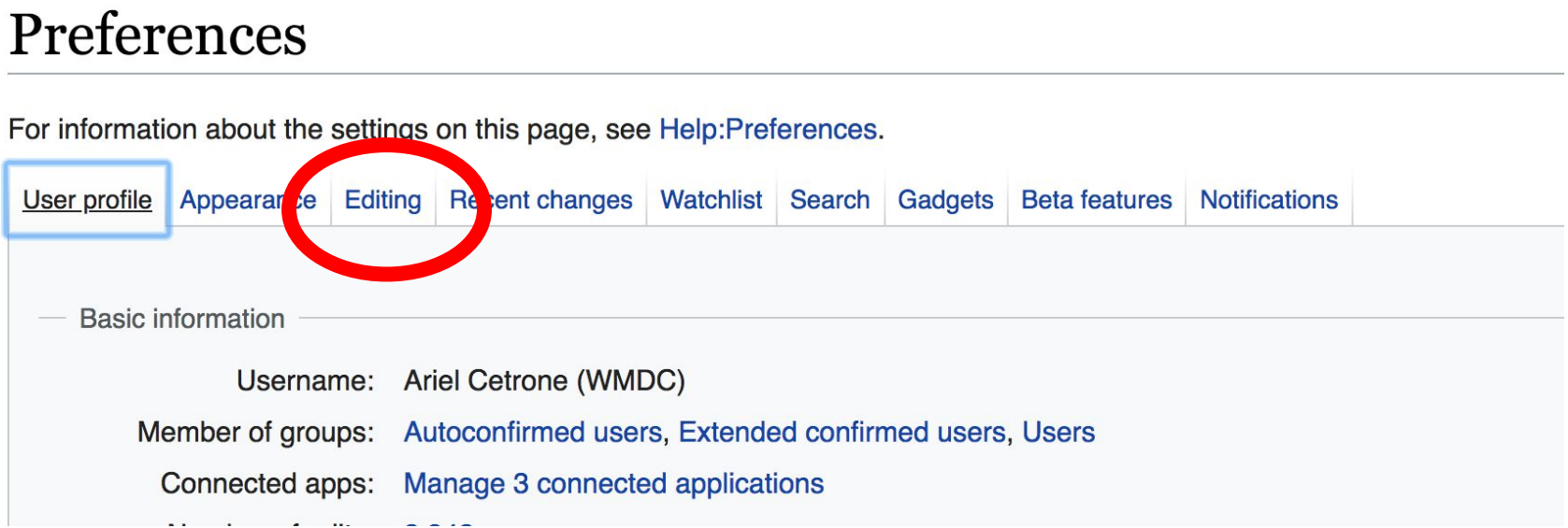

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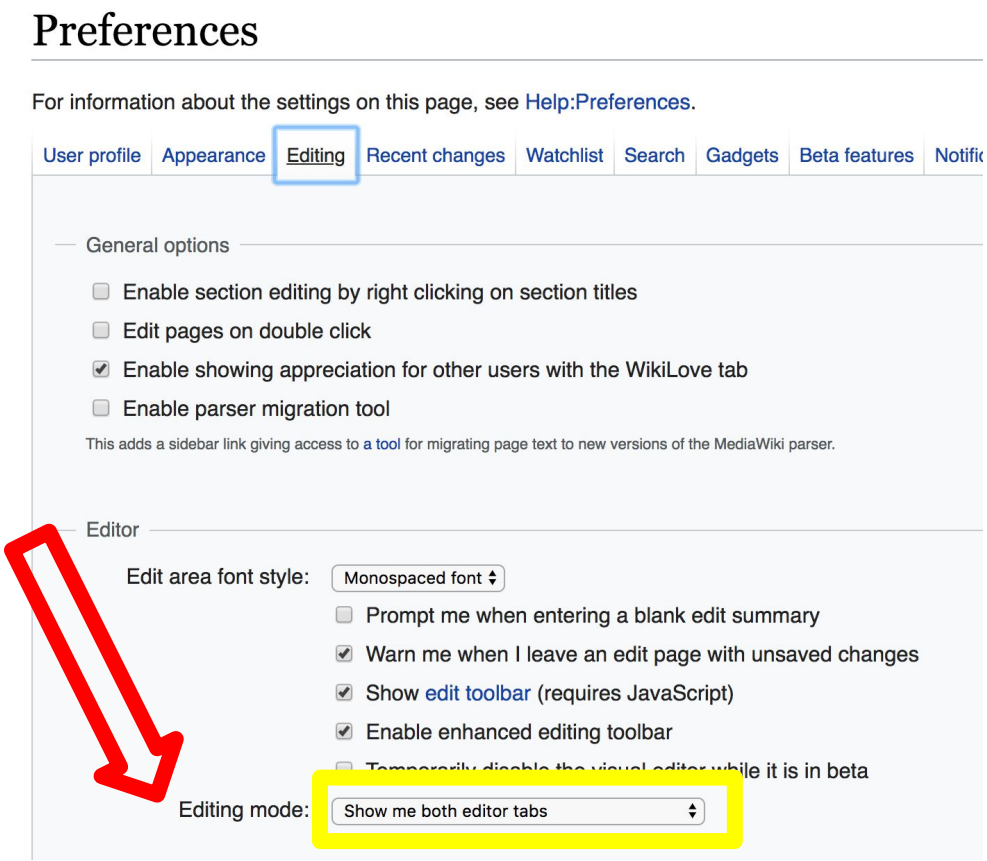

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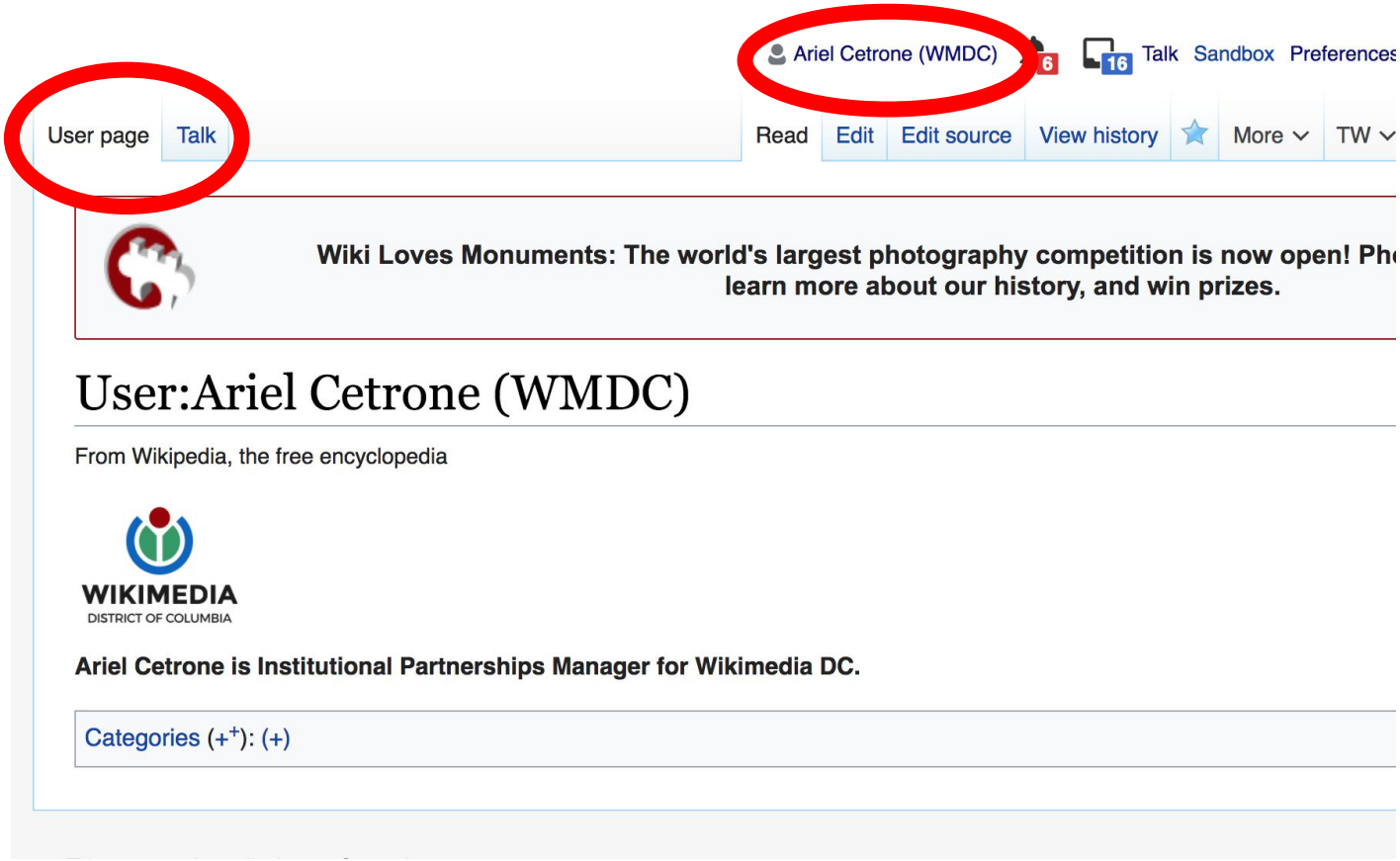

Tabs/Article Anatomy

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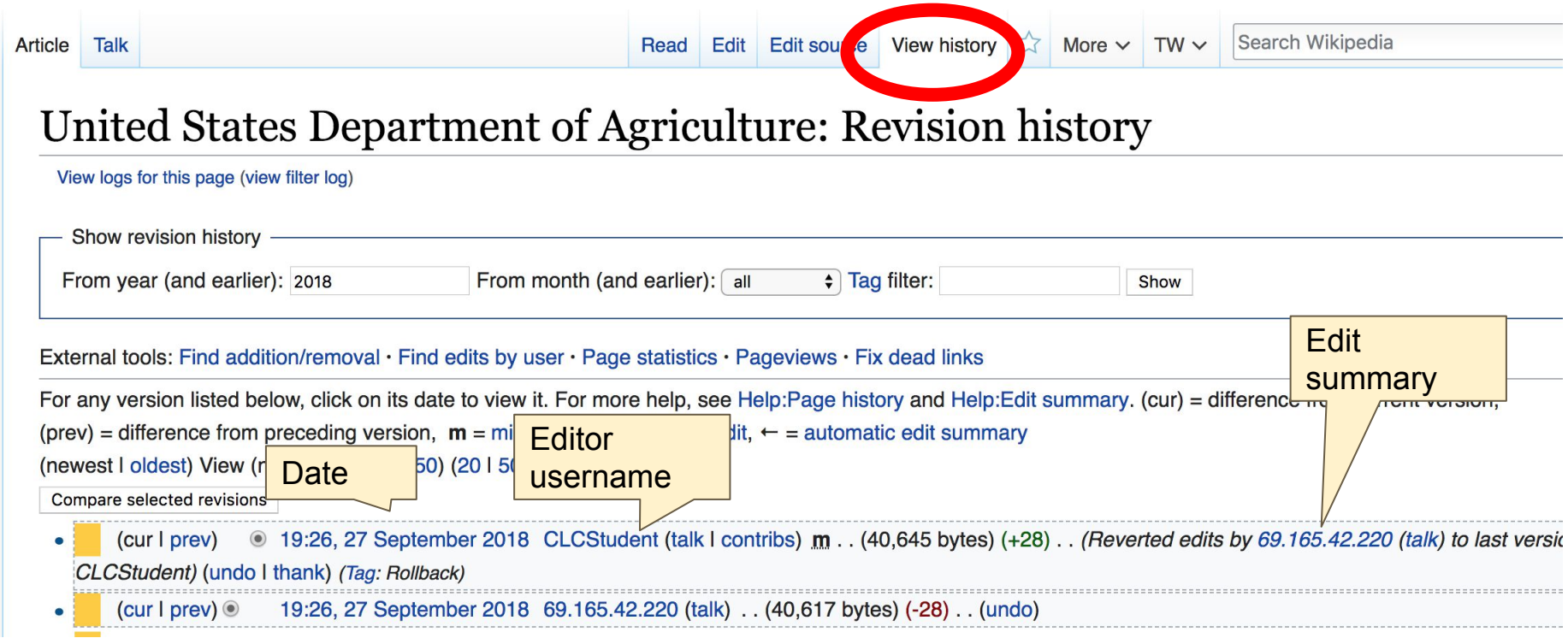
Article history



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2 The price of milk
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Discussion

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Lead paragraphs

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"USDA" redirects here. For other uses, see USDA (disambiguation).

The **United States Department of Agriculture** (**USDA**), also known as the **Agriculture Department**, is the U.S. federal executive department responsible for developing and executing federal laws related to farming, forestry, and food. It aims to meet the needs of farmers and ranchers, promote agricultural trade and production, work to assure food safety, protect natural resources, foster rural communities and end hunger in the United States and internationally.

Approximately 80% of the USDA's $141 billion budget goes to the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) program. The largest component of the FNS budget is the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly known as the Food Stamp program), which is the cornerstone of USDA's nutrition assistance.[2]

The current Secretary of Agriculture is Sonny Perdue.[3]

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1 Overview
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  2.1 Origins

United States Department of Agriculture

Seal of the U.S. Department of Agriculture

USDA

Edit w/ Visual Editor = What you see is what you get (mostly)

1. Locate article
2. Select ‘Edit’
3. Unsure if you are in Visual Editor?

Select the Pencil (red arrow), select ‘Visual editing’

4. Edit as you would in a word processor

References

Overview

Many of the programs concerned with the distribution of food and nutrition to people of America and providing nourishment as well as nutrition education to those in need are run and operated under the USDA Food and Nutrition Service. Activities in this program include the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, which provides healthy food to over 40 million low-income and homeless people each month.[3] USDA is a member of the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness,[4] where it is committed to working with other agencies to ensure these mainstream benefits are accessed by those experiencing homelessness.

Notes and references

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References or notes (Inline citations)

Cite your sources

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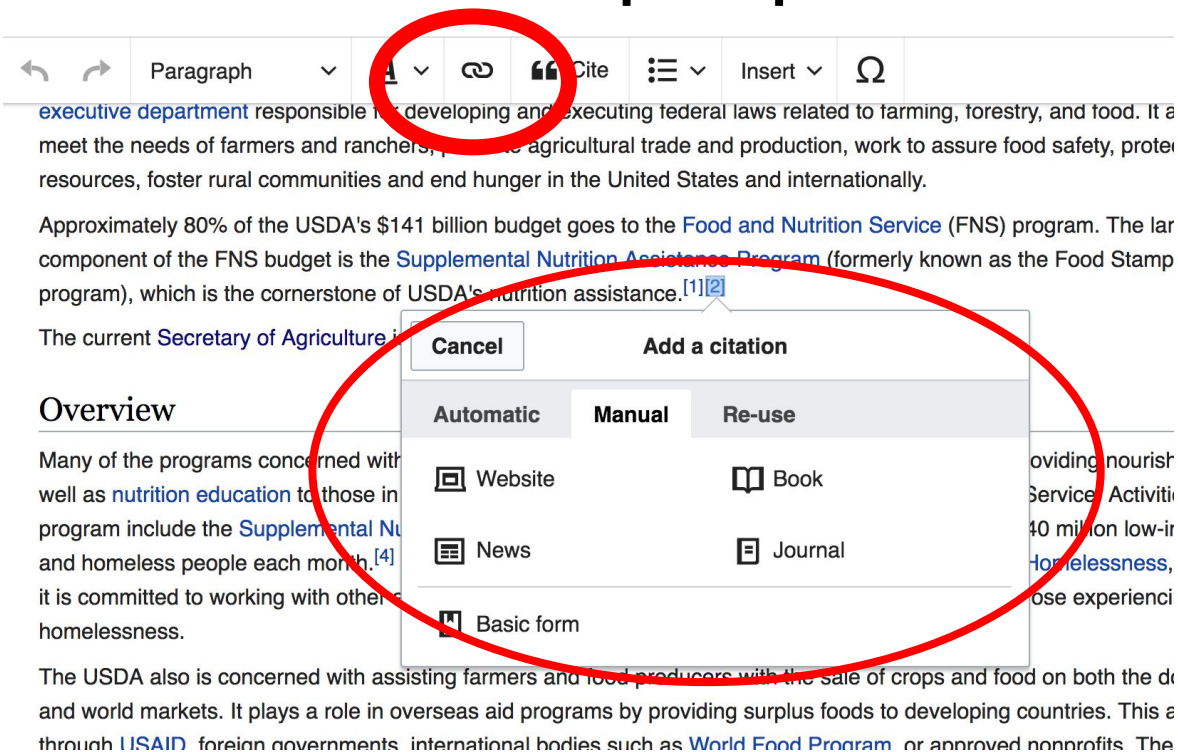

Additional Sections

Further reading [edit | edit source]

- (2010). "BARC History: Bureau of Plant Industry" (PDF).
- Report: USDA Regulatory Policy Has Been 'Hijacked' by Agribusiness Industry - July 23, 2004.
- USDA releases 180-Day Report on Avian Influenza efforts and supplemental spending H5N1 efforts.
- USDA Bets the Farm on Animal ID Program
- USA: USDA Issues grants to support for robotics research
- USDA Awards $97 M for Renewable Energy Projects

External links [edit | edit source]

- Official website
- United States Department of Agriculture in the Federal Register
- National Archives document of the USDA's origins
- Works by or about United States Department of Agriculture at Internet Archive (historic archives)
- Historic technical reports from USDA (and other Federal agencies) are available in the Technical Report Archive and Image Library (TRAIL)

Navigation boxes

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Categories

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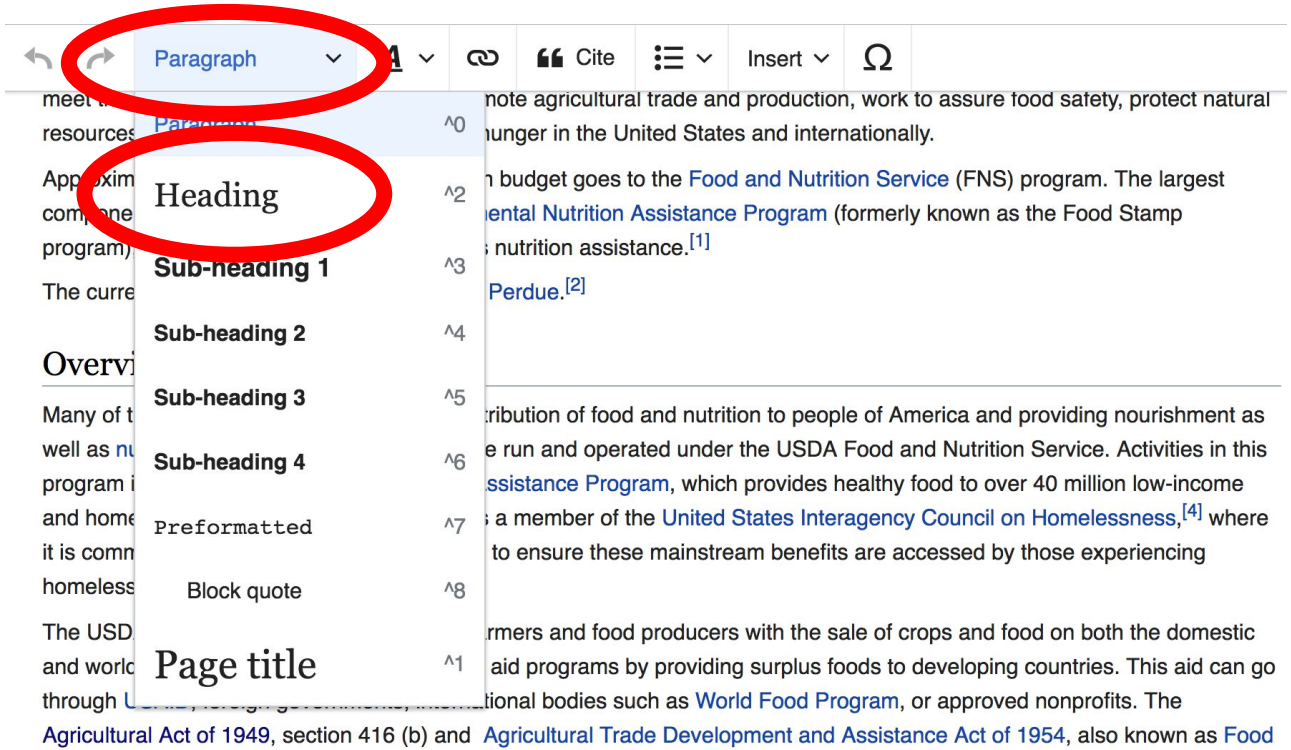

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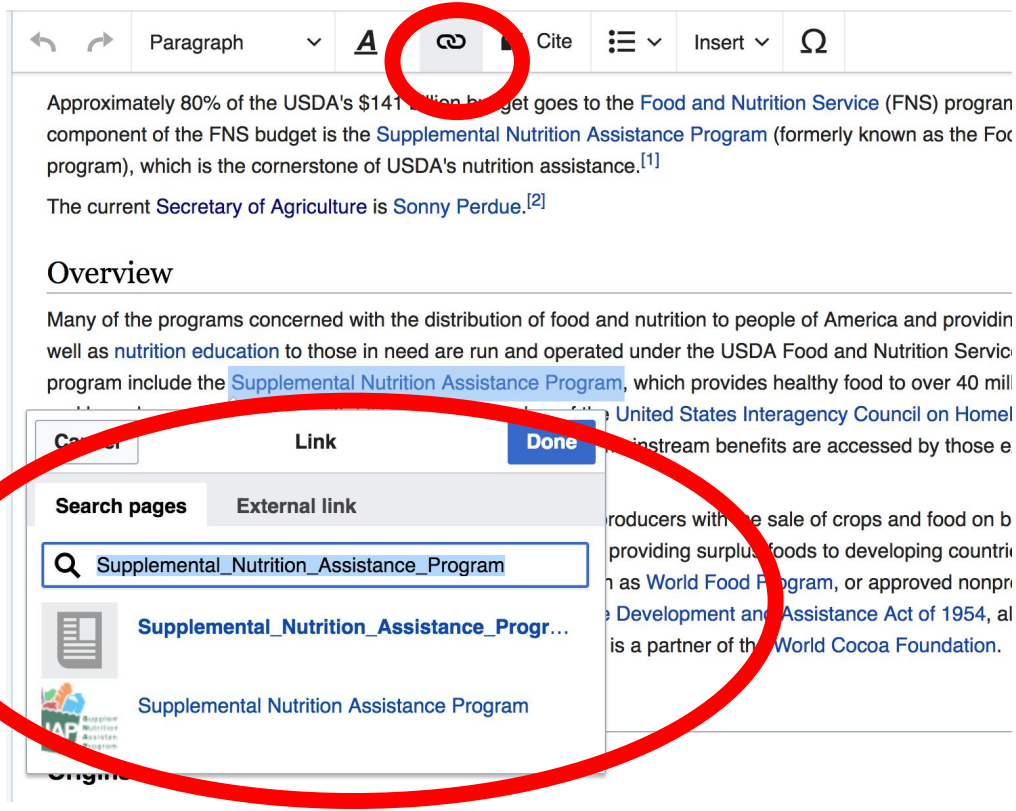

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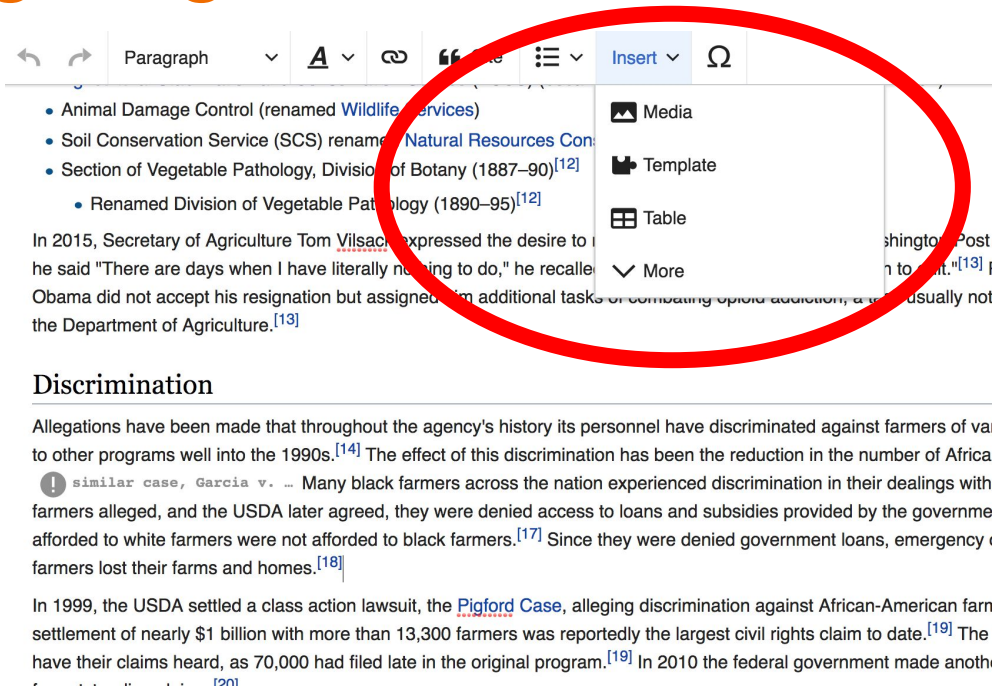

Search for image and insert.

All images at commons.wikimedia.org

Tips/Other Ways to Edit

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Bureau of Land Management

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Explore linked articles

- Search linked articles for relevant information
- ‘Copy and Paste’ is acceptable between WP articles as long as content is relevant and credit is given
- Also a good way to find new sources

Redirects

1. Identify the target article (Ex. United States National Agricultural Library)
2. Create a new article. Name it the alias. USNAL
3. To Redirect, select icon w/ three lines.
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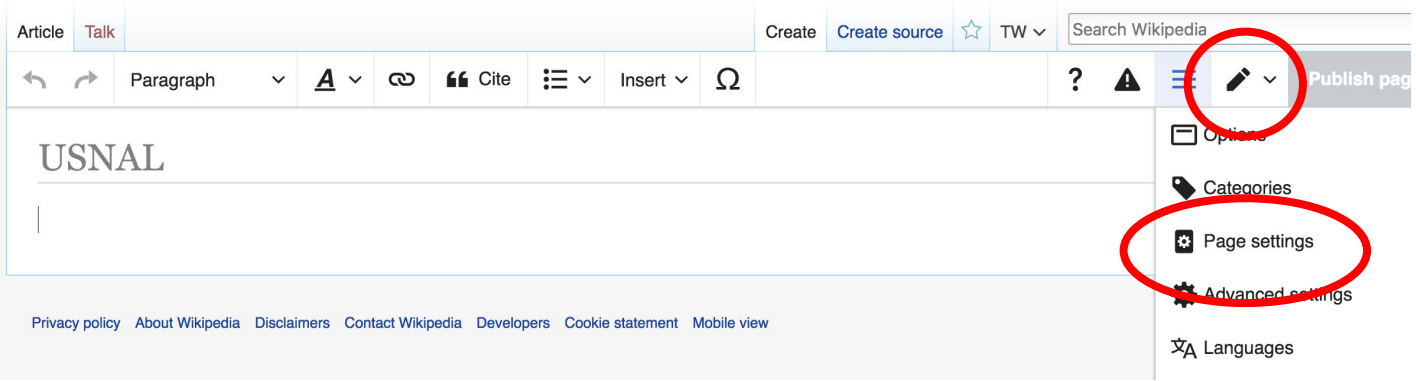

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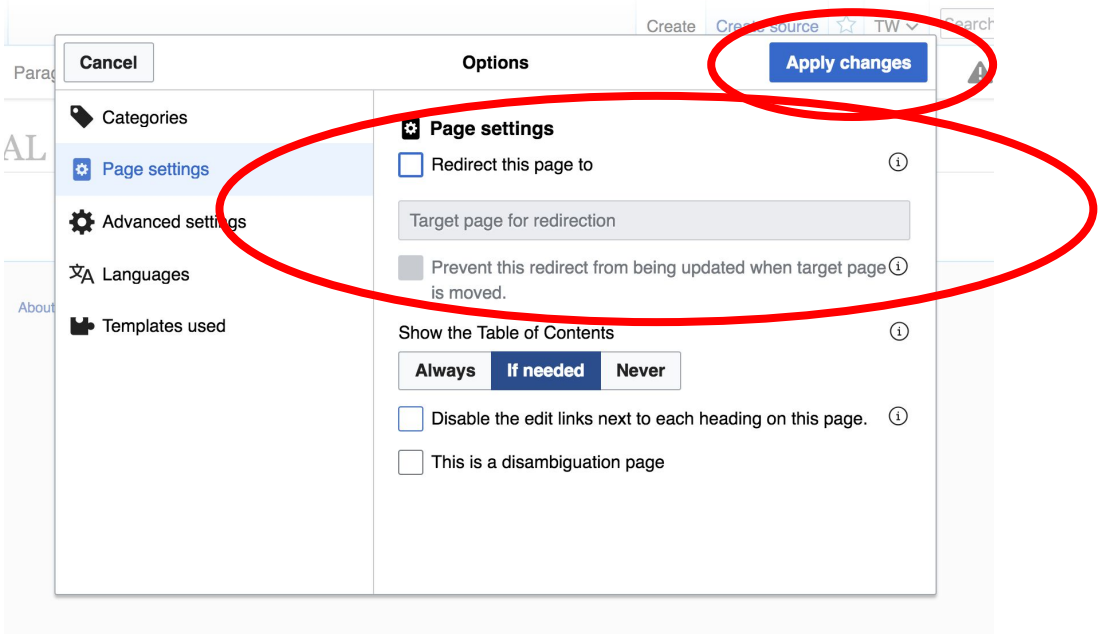

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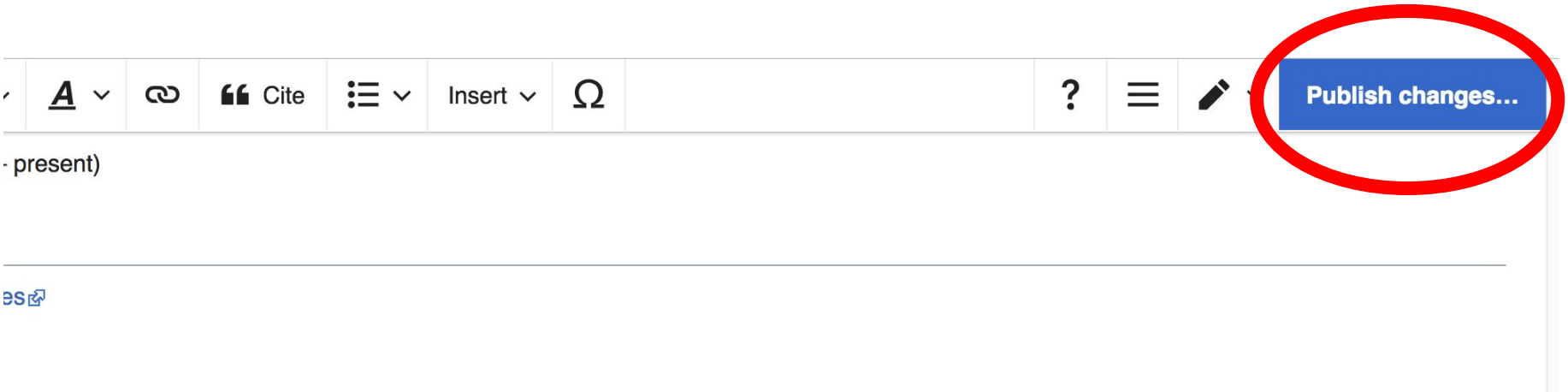

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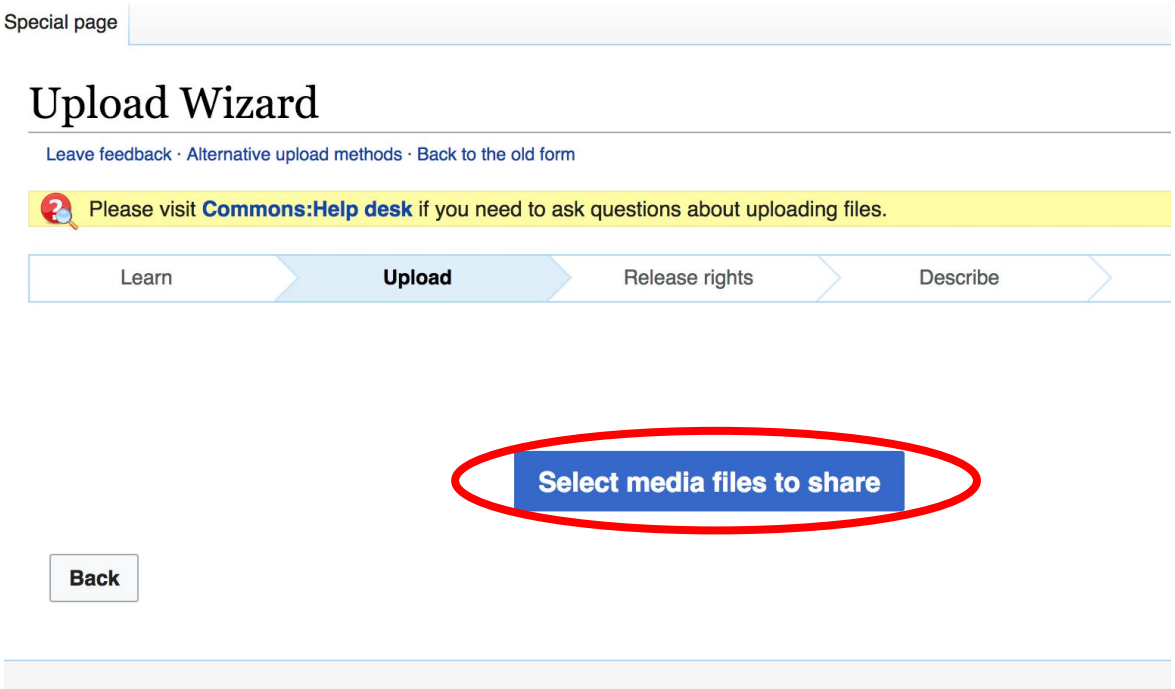
2. Select Upload

Adding Photos

3. Select media files to share



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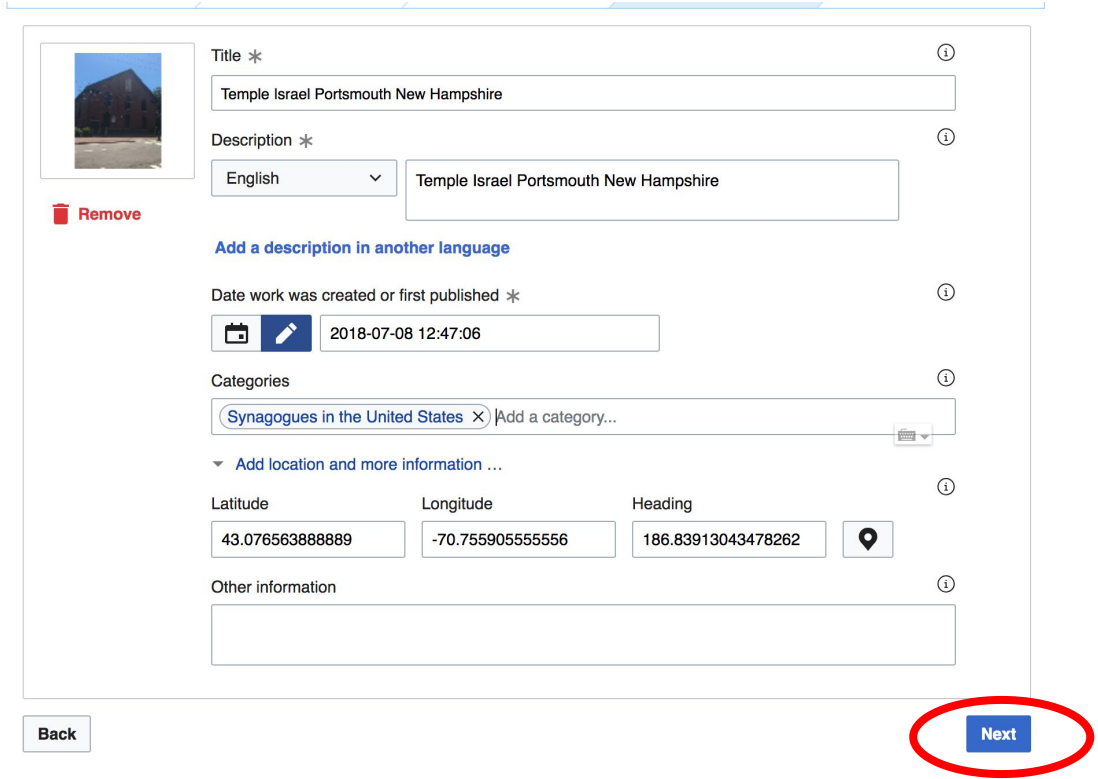
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