

Digging into USDA Research History Wikipedia Editing Workshop



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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

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Search Wikipedia

Special page

Create account

Username [\(help me choose\)](#)

Password

Confirm password

Email address (optional)

[How do we collect data for detecting bots?](#)

To protect the wiki against automated account

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851,394,955
edits



5,702,628
articles



121,967
recent contributors

Navigate to the wiki event page.

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

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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.

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Wikipedia: the 21st-century encyclopedia



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-Jimmy Wales, co-founder, Wikipedia

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Wikipedia Basics and Policies

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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

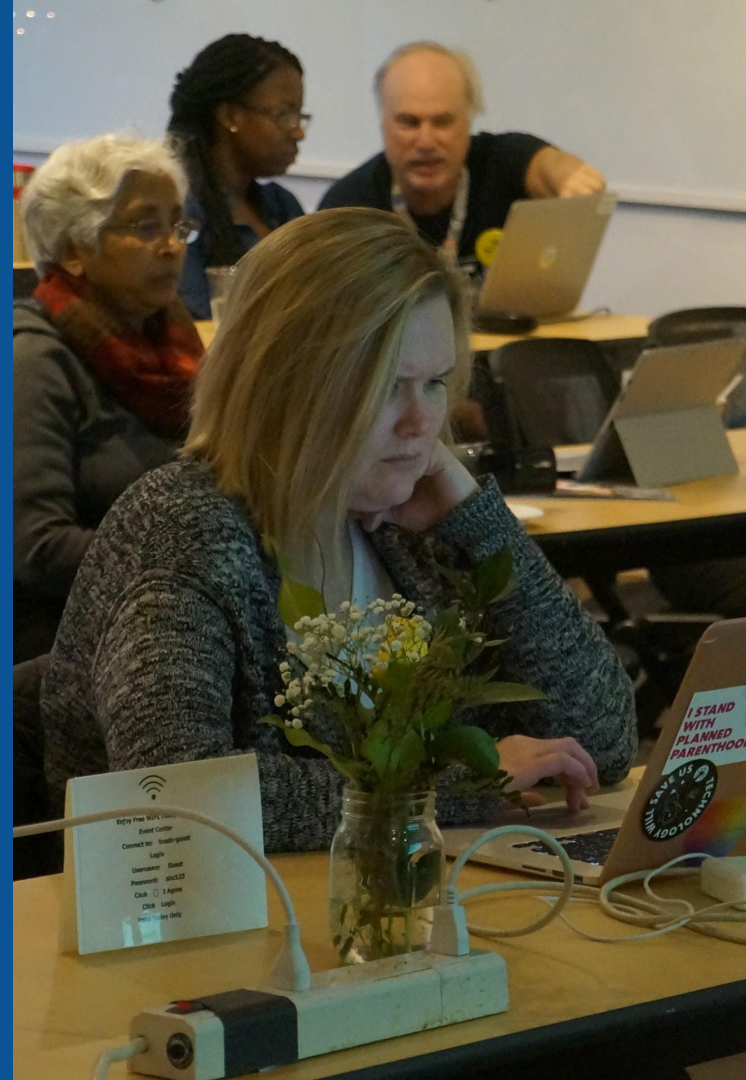
Wikipedia policies

- **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

Source: Wikimedia Commons





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](#)

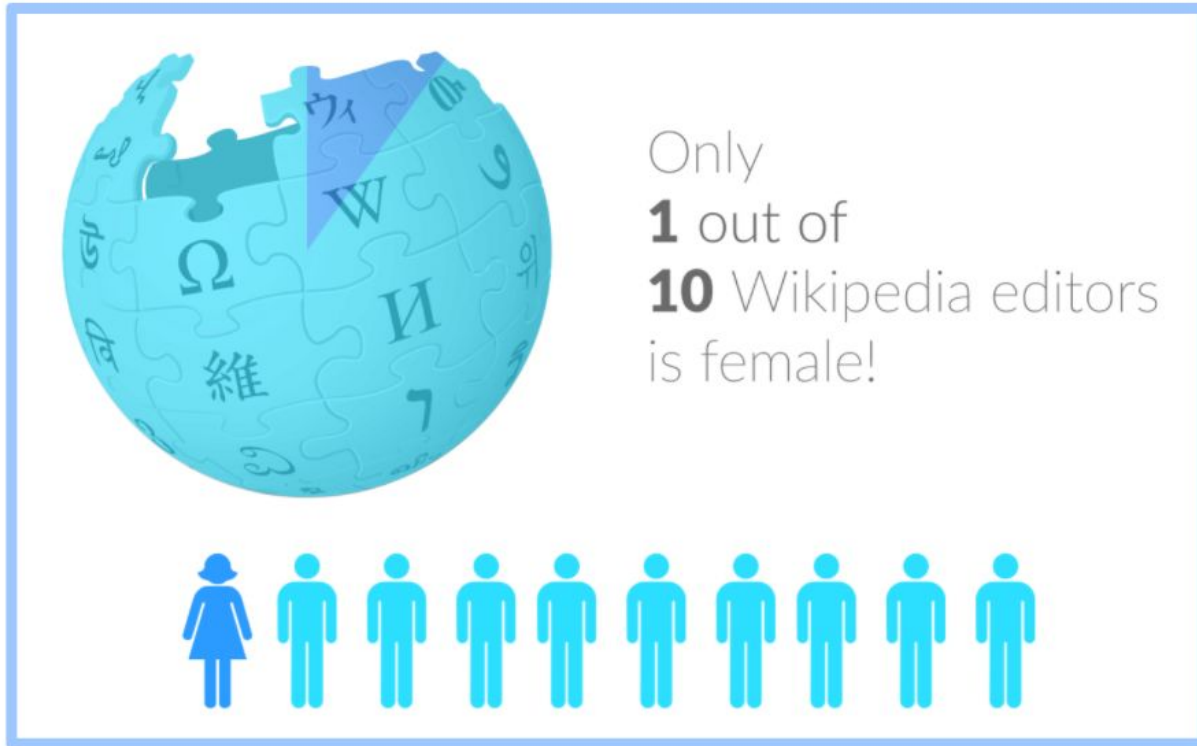
Wikipedia's Gender Gap

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

Source: Wikimedia Commons



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. <i>Diccionario Biográfico, Geográfico e Histórico de Venezuela</i>	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

***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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Set Editing Preferences: Editor Type

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Article Talk Read Edit Edit source View history  More   Search Wikipedia 

Jamestown, Virginia [edit | edit source]

A *B-class* article from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Coordinates:  37°12′33″N 76°46′39″W﻿ / ﻿

The **Jamestown**^[1] settlement in the Colony of Virginia was the first permanent English settlement in the Americas. It was located on the east bank of the Powhatan (James) River about 2.5 mi (4 km) southwest of the center of modern Williamsburg. William Kelso writes that Jamestown "is where the British Empire began".^[2] It was established by the Virginia Company of London as "James Fort" on May 4, 1607 O.S.;(May 14, 1607 N.S.),^[3] and was considered permanent after brief abandonment in 1610. It followed several failed attempts, including the Lost Colony of Roanoke, established in 1585 on

Jamestown, Virginia Jamestowne, Virginia
Fort (1607); Town (1619)


Set Editing Preferences: Editor Type

Preferences

For information about the settings on this page, see [Help:Preferences](#).

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Basic information

Username: [Ariel Cetrone \(WMDC\)](#)

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Connected apps: [Manage 3 connected applications](#)

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Preferences

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General options

- Enable section editing by right clicking on section titles
- Edit pages on double click
- Enable showing appreciation for other users with the WikiLove tab
- Enable parser migration tool

This adds a sidebar link giving access to a [tool](#) for migrating page text to new versions of the MediaWiki parser.

Editor

Edit area font style:

- Prompt me when entering a blank edit summary
- Warn me when I leave an edit page with unsaved changes
- Show [edit toolbar](#) (requires JavaScript)
- Enable enhanced editing toolbar
- Temporarily disable the visual editor while it is in beta

Editing mode:




User Page



Start your user page


[User page](#) [Talk](#) [Read](#) [Edit](#) [Edit source](#) [View history](#) [★](#) [More](#) [TW](#)

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User:Ariel Cetrone (WMDC)

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Tabs/Article Anatomy

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Article **Talk**

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Talk:United States Department of Agriculture [\[edit source \]](#)

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	re (Rated Start-class, High-importance) [show]
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- [2 The price of milk](#)
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Discussion

Discussion

Edit buttons
Edit = Visual Editor, Edit Source = Code

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United States Department of Agriculture [edit | edit source]

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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
- 2 History
 - 2.1 Origins

Lead paragraphs

Main photo or Infobox placement

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United States Department of Agriculture



Seal of the U.S. Department of Agriculture



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

Formatting buttons

Edit buttons
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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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24. ↑ M. Susan Orr Klopfer, Fred Klopfer, Barry Klopfer (2005). *Where Reality Meets the Law: Civil Rights Revisited*. Lulu Press. Retrieved 2013-12-29.
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References or notes (Inline citations)

Cite your sources

1. Place cursor in desired location, select 'Cite'
2. Follow prompts

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The current [Secretary of Agriculture](#) is [William N. Isolt](#).

Overview

Many of the programs concerned with providing nutrition education to those in need. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) provides food and nutrition assistance to low-income and homeless people each month.^[4] The program is committed to working with other agencies to address homelessness.

The USDA also is concerned with assisting farmers and food producers with the sale of crops and food on both the domestic and world markets. It plays a role in overseas aid programs by providing surplus foods to developing countries. This is done through [USAID](#) foreign governments, international bodies such as [World Food Program](#) or approved nonprofits. The

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Additional Sections

Further reading [edit | edit source]

- [USDA \(2010\). "BARC History: Bureau of Plant Industry" !\[\]\(13b6bdd0ca077c333d50231f1443cb1d_img.jpg\) \(PDF\).](#)
- [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



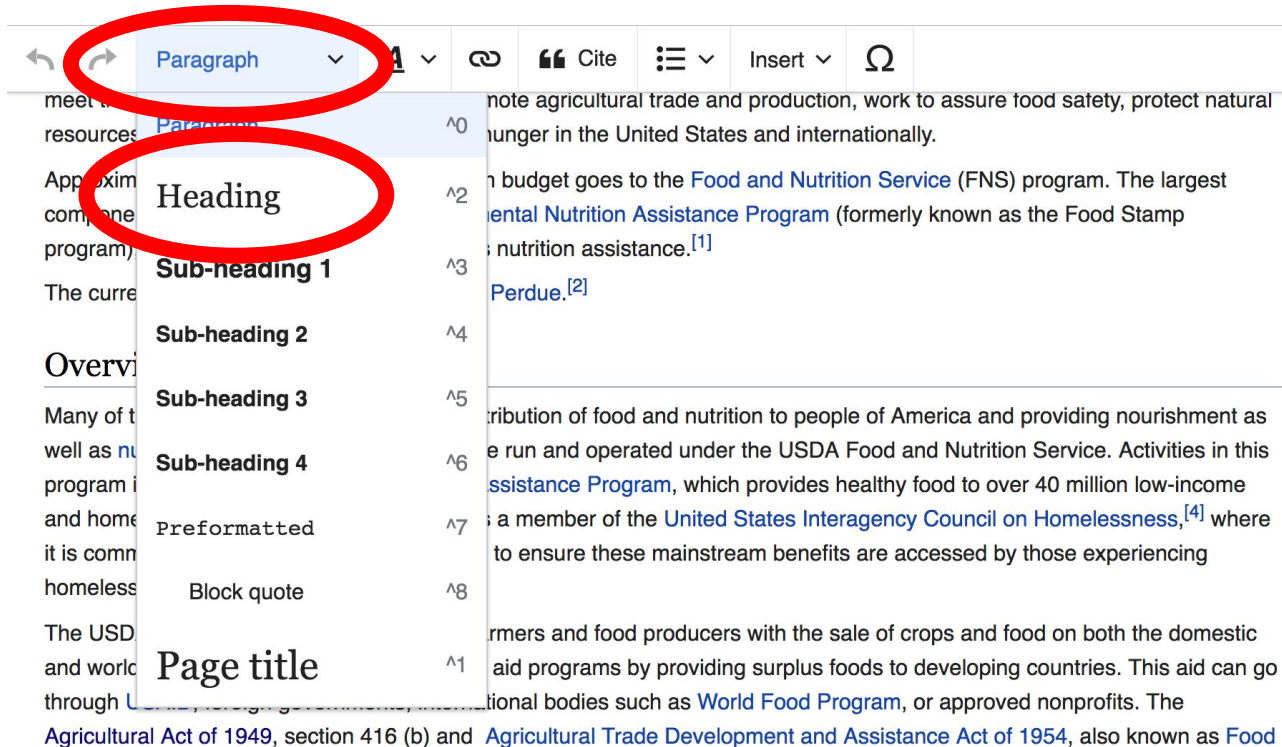
Categories

 Government of the United States portal	 Agriculture portal
V · T · E Agencies under the United States Department of Agriculture [show]	
V · T · E United States government agencies involved in environmental science [show]	
V · T · E Federal executive departments of the United States of America [show]	

Categories (+⁺): [United States Department of Agriculture](#) (–) (±) | [Agriculture ministries](#) (–) (±) | [Ministries established in 1889](#) (–) (±) | [United States federal executive departments](#) (–) (±) | [1889 establishments in the United States](#) (–) (±) | [1862 establishments in the United States](#) (–) (±) | (+)

Adding Sections

1. Place cursor
2. Select 'Paragraph'
3. Select 'Heading'



The screenshot shows a rich text editor interface. The top toolbar contains several icons: a left arrow, a right arrow, a dropdown menu currently showing 'Paragraph', a '1' dropdown, a link icon, a quote icon, a 'Cite' button, a list icon, an 'Insert' dropdown, and a 'Ω' icon. Below the toolbar, a dropdown menu is open, listing various text formatting options. The 'Paragraph' option is highlighted in blue, and the 'Heading' option is also highlighted in blue. Both of these options are circled in red. Other options in the menu include 'Sub-heading 1', 'Sub-heading 2', 'Sub-heading 3', 'Sub-heading 4', 'Preformatted', 'Block quote', and 'Page title'. The background text of the editor is partially visible, discussing agricultural trade and food assistance programs.

Create links between articles

1. Select text
2. Select link icon
3. Select article and 'Done'

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The current Secretary of Agriculture is [Sonny Perdue](#).^[2]

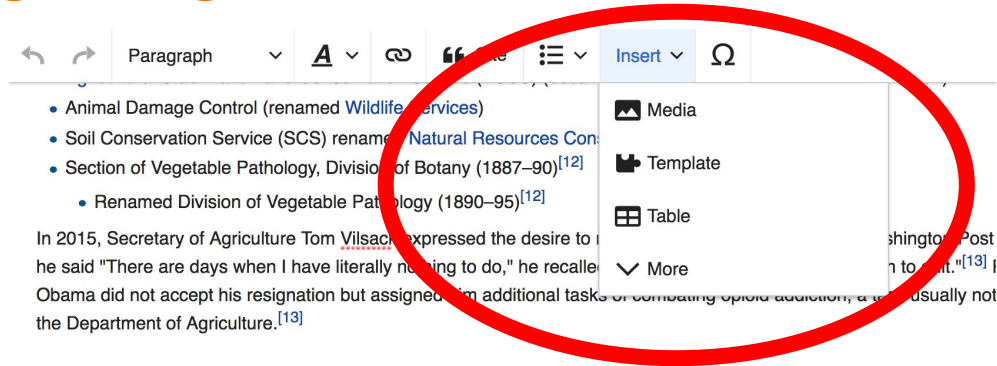
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Producers with the sale of crops and food on behalf of the government, providing surplus foods to developing countries as [World Food Program](#), or approved non-profit organizations under the [Development and Assistance Act of 1954](#), also is a partner of the [World Cocoa Foundation](#).

The screenshot shows a text editor interface. The toolbar at the top includes icons for undo, redo, paragraph style, text color, a link icon (circled in red), cite, list, insert, and help. The main text area contains the paragraph above. A search dialog is open, showing the search term 'Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program' and a list of search results, with the top result 'Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program' (circled in red) selected. The dialog has 'Cancel', 'Link', and 'Done' buttons.

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Discrimination

Allegations have been made that throughout the agency's history its personnel have discriminated against farmers of various races and ethnicities. [14] The effect of this discrimination has been the reduction in the number of African American farmers who have been able to benefit from the program.

Many black farmers across the nation experienced discrimination in their dealings with the USDA. [15] Many black farmers alleged, and the USDA later agreed, they were denied access to loans and subsidies provided by the government. [16] Since they were denied government loans, emergency relief programs, and other assistance, many black farmers lost their farms and homes. [18]

In 1999, the USDA settled a class action lawsuit, the [Pigford Case](#), alleging discrimination against African-American farm families. [17] The settlement was reportedly the largest civil rights claim to date. [19] The settlement was reportedly the largest civil rights claim to date. [19] The settlement was reportedly the largest civil rights claim to date. [19]

Search for image and insert.

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Tips/Other Ways to Edit

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Bureau of Land Management

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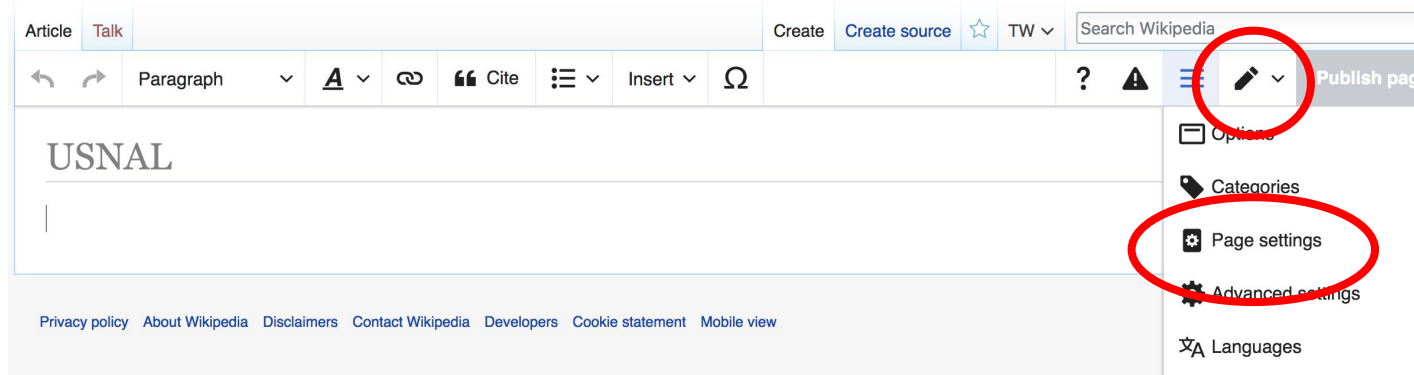


Explore linked articles

- 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

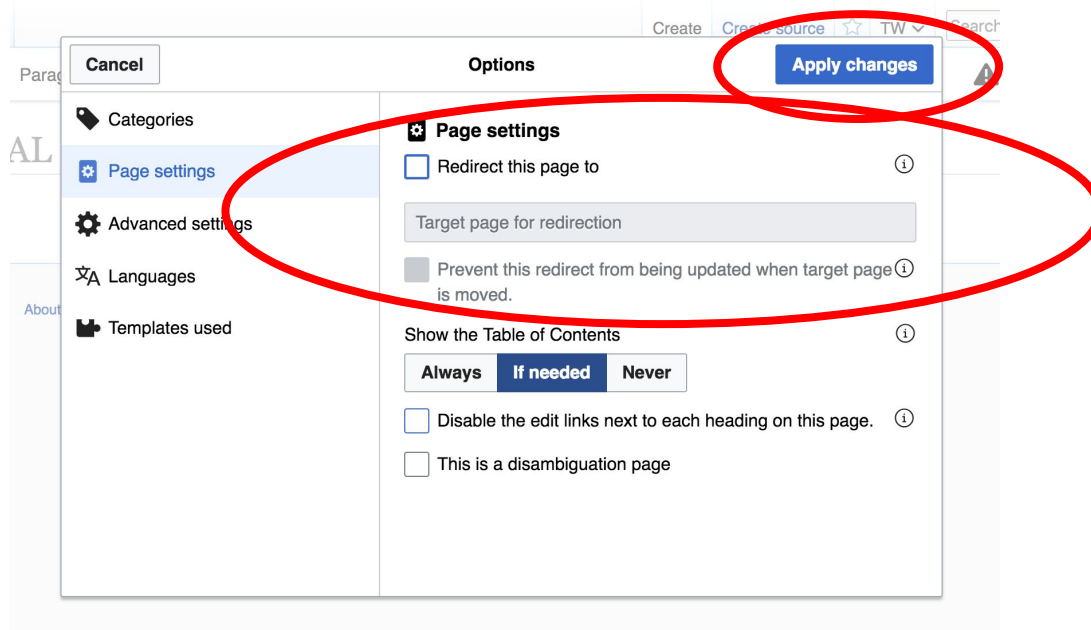
Redirects

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.
4. Select Page settings.

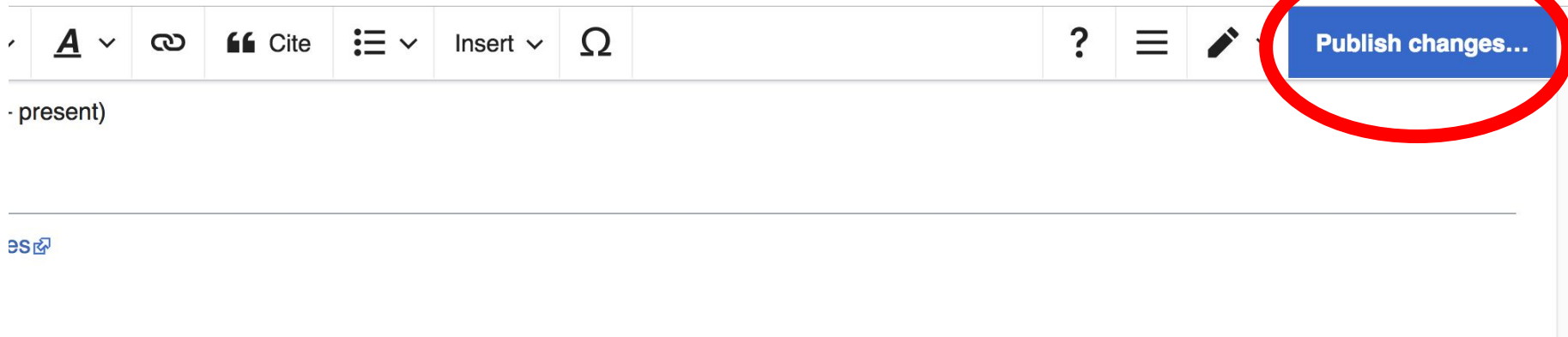


Redirects cont.

4. Select 'Redirect page to'
5. Enter name of the target article (Ex. **USNAL**)
3. Select Apply changes
4. Select 'Save changes (upper right)'



Don't forget to 'Publish Changes'



Uploading Photos to Wikicommons

Photo: Sumner School Archive Editing Workshop

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Adding Photos

1. Go to **commons.wikimedia.org**
2. Select **Upload**



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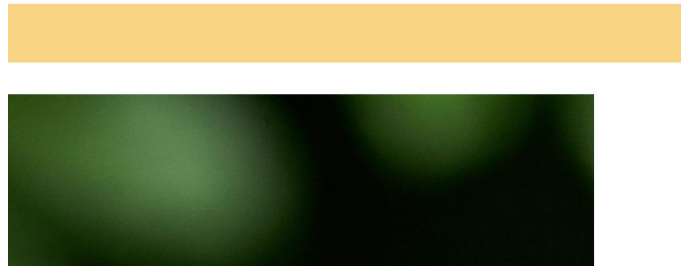
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Adding Photos

3. Select media files to share

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
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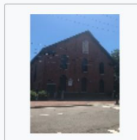
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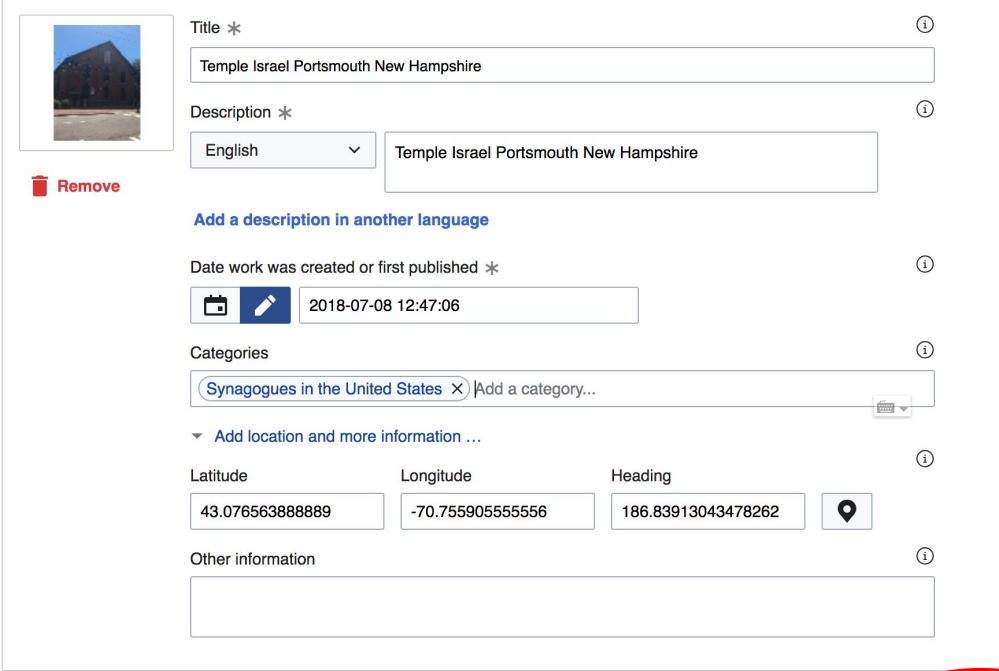
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Next

Adding Photos

4. Name and caption your photo, add category



The screenshot shows a form for adding a photo. On the left, there is a photo of a building with a red trash can icon and the text "Remove". The form fields are as follows:

- Title ***: Temple Israel Portsmouth New Hampshire
- Description ***: English (dropdown), Temple Israel Portsmouth New Hampshire
- Add a description in another language**: (link)
- Date work was created or first published ***: 2018-07-08 12:47:06
- Categories**: Synagogues in the United States (tag), Add a category... (input)
- Add location and more information ...**:
 - Latitude**: 43.076563888889
 - Longitude**: -70.755905555556
 - Heading**: 186.83913043478262
- Other information**: (empty text area)

At the bottom, there are two buttons: "Back" and "Next". The "Next" button is circled in red.