

THE CCCCWI PRESENTS:

# Getting Started with WikiProject Writing

Join us to discuss how scholars can coordinate efforts to improve field-specific Wikipedia articles.

**All comp/rhet scholars are welcome with a basic level of experience editing on Wikipedia.**



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# Getting Started with WikiProject Writing

January 21, 2021

## Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Workshop
3. WikiProject Writing Tutorial



# CCCCWI Mission

Established in 2019, the CCCC Wikipedia Initiative proceeds from the conviction that it matters to edit Wikipedia, especially for field experts committed to knowledge equity as a fundamental groundwork for social justice.

Writing expert knowledge into Wikipedia is one important way we can address knowledge gaps, imbalances, and misinformation online.



# Improving Knowledge Equity with Expert Editors

Field experts have important access to knowledge and beliefs about topics and figures often undocumented on Wikipedia.

1. Unique community engagement.
2. Publicizing knowledge often kept behind paywalls.
3. Greater understanding of content gaps and how to fix them.



# Today we will discuss...

1. What is a WikiProject?
2. How do I find WikiProjects?
3. What makes up a WikiProject?
4. What is WikiProject Writing?
5. Organizing our efforts
6. Collaborating with participants
7. WikiProject Writing tutorial

## With a goal of...

1. Getting you comfortable navigating & contributing to WikiProject Writing.



# What is a WikiProject?

1. A group of editors focused on improving articles around a specific topic or field of interest.
2. A central place for coordination, discussion, and organization of the group's activities.
3. Looks similar to a Wikipedia article, but functions more as a portal.
4. Active participation is key to a successful WikiProject.

# How do I find WikiProjects?

1. WikiProjects exist within the 'Wikipedia' space rather than the 'Article' space. When searching for a WikiProject use Wikipedia before the project name in the search bar:
  - a. i.e. [Wikipedia:WikiProject Writing](#)
2. If the project does not exist, it will show up as a redlink when you type the name in.

# How do I find WikiProjects?

1. The WikiProject Council houses a searchable list of WikiProjects:

## Search results



Only searching in pages whose title starts with "Wikipedia:WikiProject" ([Search all pages](#))



Search

Results 1 – 20 of 9,375

Advanced search:



Search in:



There is a page named "[Writing](#)" on Wikipedia

[Wikipedia:WikiProject Writing](#)



# For example...

## Wikipedia:WikiProject Writing

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Main  
page

Discussion

Participants

Resources

Events

Open  
tasks

Templates

Assessment

Popular  
pages



This is a **WikiProject**, an area for focused collaboration among Wikipedians. New participants are welcome; please feel free to participate!

[Guide to WikiProjects](#) · [Directory of WikiProjects](#)

[Shortcuts](#)

[WP:WWT](#)  
[WP:WRITING](#)

## Welcome to WikiProject Writing

We are a group of editors focused on developing content informed by research and scholarship in the fields of rhetoric, composition, technical communication, literacy, and language studies.

In addition to improving and expanding coverage of writing research and pedagogy as they encompass broad and evolving definitions of literacy, communication, rhetoric, and writing (including multimodal discourse, digital communication, and diverse language practices), this project seeks to represent the full scope of these fields' engagement with diversity, inclusion, access, and equity. We will draw from and cite canonical terms, concepts, and research, as well as scholarship and activism composed by marginalized teacher-scholars, when creating and improving Wikipedia articles.



WP:WRITING



# What makes up a WikiProject?

- 1. No WikiProject is the same, they often vary depending on the scope, goals, and preferred organization of the group.**
- 2. However, most WikiProjects have sections for open tasks, lists of articles in need of edits or creation, and an assessment criteria for content and importance.**



# What is WikiProject Writing?

**WikiProject Writing is a group of editors focused on developing content related to the fields of rhetoric, composition, technical communication, literacy, and language studies.**

**WP:WRITING**



# What is WikiProject Writing?

## Main pages . . .

- Project page
- Discussion (talk)
- Participants
- Resources
- Events
- Open tasks
- Templates
- Assessment
- Popular pages

# Add yourself to our list

## Add yourself as a participant to WikiProject Writing & share some of your interests

### Add yourself to our list

To add yourself to the WikiProject Writing participant list, please click on the blue 'Sign up' button below and follow the directions presented to you at the top of the screen.

[Sign up](#)

### Active participants

These are WikiProject Writing's current active participants and their particular areas of interest within the scope and goals of WikiProject Writing.

1. [FULBERT \(talk\)](#) (I am interested in working on the creation of this WikiProject to promote knowledge equity in writing studies) 00:48, 13 October 2020 (UTC)
2. [Drkill \(talk\)](#) (I am interested in getting this WikiProject up and running) 01:15, 13 October 2020 (UTC)
3. [Rhetorica19 \(talk\)](#) (I am interested in working on global rhetorical topics, and topics that highlight the influence of women pedagogues on and within the profession in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.) 02:24, 21 October 2020 (UTC)

**WP:WRITING**



# Join our event page (1)

1. Search **WP:CCCCWI-COLLABORATE** on Wikipedia to find the event.
2. Sign in to the event page to add yourself to the participants list.

## Get started [\[ edit source \]](#)

- [Log into Wikipedia](#).
- Register your account with the initiative [here](#).
- Sign in below

## Please sign in [\[ edit source \]](#)

**Make sure to click "publish" after signing in, this will add your name to list of participants and track your edits throughout the workshop.** At the close of the workshop, an editing history will be posted on this page, showcasing the articles and edits completed.

Sign in

WP:CCCCWI-COLLABORATE



# Join our event page (2)

1. Do not type anything.
2. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and **click** **'Publish.'**


Editing Wikipedia:CCCCWI/Getting Started with WikiProject  
Writing Workshop (new section)

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Click **Publish changes** below and you are set



 *Content that violates any copyrights will be deleted. Encyclopedic content must be verifiable. Any work submitted to Wikipedia can be edited, used, and redistributed—by anyone—subject to certain terms and conditions.*

# Organizing our efforts





# Exploring organizing tabs

## 1. Open tasks

- a. Tagging & assessing articles
  - i. Rater
  - ii. Wikitext
- b. Vital articles in need of edits
- c. General articles in need of edits
- d. Articles for creation
- e. Hyperlinks & redlinks
- f. Watching articles
- g. Adding wikidata statements

## 2. Review & assessment



# Open tasks

## Wikipedia:WikiProject Writing/Open tasks

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia  
< Wikipedia:WikiProject Writing

<a href="#">Main page</a>	<a href="#">Discussion</a>	<a href="#">Participants</a>	<a href="#">Resources</a>	<a href="#">Events</a>	<a href="#">Open tasks</a>	<a href="#">Templates</a>	<a href="#">Assessment</a>	<a href="#">Popular pages</a>
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*[Editing tasks](#) • [Vital articles in need of improvement](#) • [General articles in need of improvement](#) • [Watching articles](#) • [Articles in need of creation](#) • [Organizational tasks](#) • [Tagging and assessing articles](#) • [Hyperlinking & adding redlinks](#) • [Adding wikidata statements](#)*

### Editing tasks

In an effort to improve, as well as create, articles that define the fields of rhetoric, composition, technical communication, literacy, and language studies, WikiProject Writing participants have developed a series of articles in need of revision and creation. Please do add articles to these lists if you find an article in need of edits or a notable topic in need of creation.

### Vital articles in need of edits [\[edit\]](#)

Vital articles are articles deemed most important to improve to the highest quality standard on Wikipedia ([featured article status](#)). There are five levels of vital articles categorized by subject. If you find an article you believe could be vital, check the talk page for a banner that mentions whether the subject is vital or not.

### General articles in need of improvement [\[edit\]](#)

General articles are articles under the scope of WikiProject Writing that need some work. We encourage you to add articles to this along with a note describing how the article can be improved. This can be as simple as mentioning an award a scholar received or restructuring the article for clarity.

- Academic writing (underdeveloped, needs citation, narrativizing, not sophisticated in approach)
- African-American Vernacular English (paragraph on Social Context > In

Article	How vital?	Quality rank	Average monthly pageviews <a href="#">↗</a>
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# Tagging & assessing articles

1. An easy way to expand the reach of the project.
2. Adds more articles to the article tracking list.

**WikiProject Writing** (Rated **GA-class**, **Top-importance**)

[\[hide\]](#)



This article is within the scope of **WikiProject Writing**, a WikiProject interested in improving Wikipedia's coverage of content related to the fields of rhetoric, composition, technical communication, literacy, and language studies.

**+ GA**

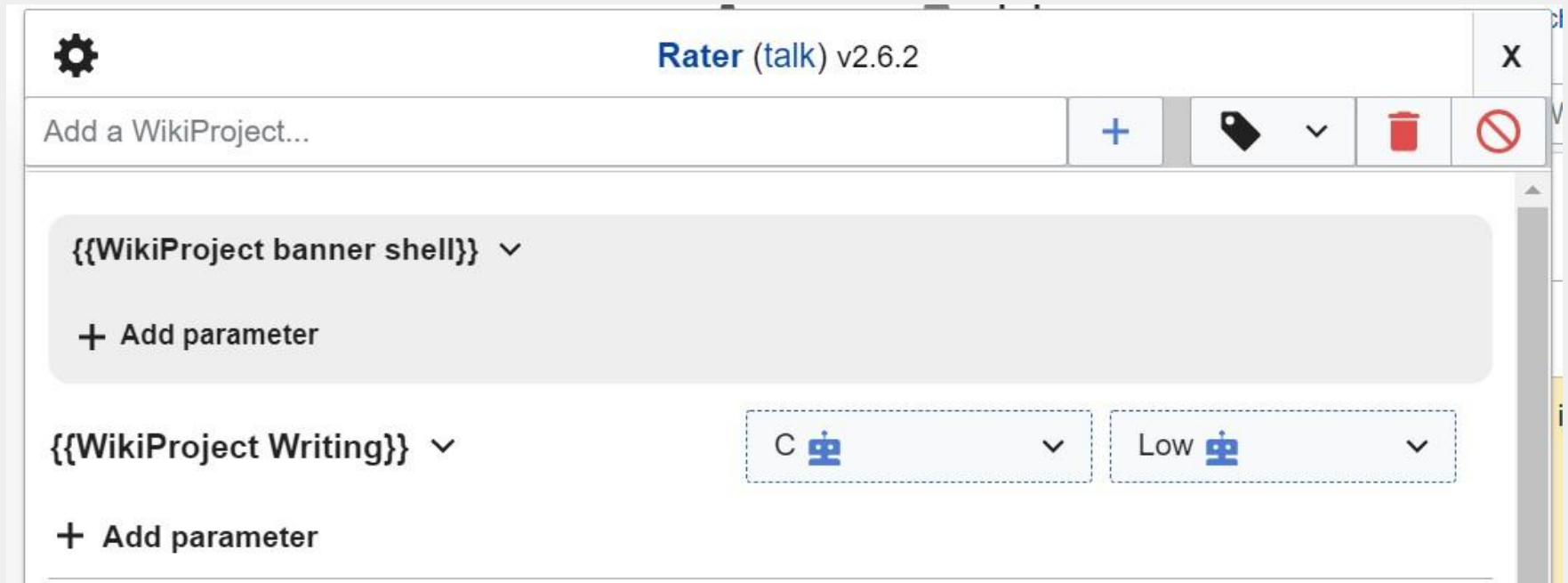
This article has been rated as **GA-Class** on the project's [quality scale](#).

**Top**

This article has been rated as **Top-importance** on the project's [importance scale](#).

# Tagging & assessing articles

## Rater...



The screenshot shows the 'Rater (talk) v2.6.2' interface. At the top, there is a gear icon, the title 'Rater (talk) v2.6.2', and a close button 'X'. Below the title bar is a toolbar with a plus sign, a tag icon, a dropdown arrow, a trash icon, and a prohibition icon. The main area contains two sections for tagging. The first section is titled '{{WikiProject banner shell}}' with a dropdown arrow and a '+ Add parameter' button. The second section is titled '{{WikiProject Writing}}' with a dropdown arrow, a '+ Add parameter' button, and two dropdown menus: one for 'C' with a WikiProject icon and a dropdown arrow, and another for 'Low' with a WikiProject icon and a dropdown arrow.

WP:WRITETAG



# Tagging & assessing articles

## Wikitext...

1. Select 'Edit source' and place the WikiProject Writing tag beneath other WikiProject tags.
2. `{{WikiProject Writing |class=???  
|importance=???}}`

WikiProject Writing tag beneath other WikiProject tags:

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{{WikiProject Philosophy |logic=yes |importance=high |class=Start}}  
{{WikiProject Writing |class=Start |importance=Low}}
```

# Tagging & assessing articles

## How to install Rater...

1. Copy this code:


```
importScript('User:Evad37/rater.js'); //  
[[User:Evad37/rater]]
```

2. Paste onto this link <Special:MyPage/common.js>.  
You will have to either 'Create' or 'Edit' source on the top right.
3. Publish your changes.

# Tagging & assessing articles

## How to install Rater...

User page **Talk** Read Edit source View history ★ More



Join us writing articles during Ukraine's Cultural Diplomacy Month


[More details](#)  
[Help with translations]

### User:Breadyornot/common.js

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< User:Breadyornot

Code that you insert on this page could contain malicious content capable of compromising your account. If you import a script from another page with "importScript" or "iusc", take note that this causes you to dynamically load a remote script, which could be changed by others.

If you are unsure whether code you are adding to this page is safe, you can ask at the [appropriate village pump](#). The code *will* be executed when previewing this page.

 The accompanying .css page for this skin can be added at [User:Breadyornot/common.css](#).

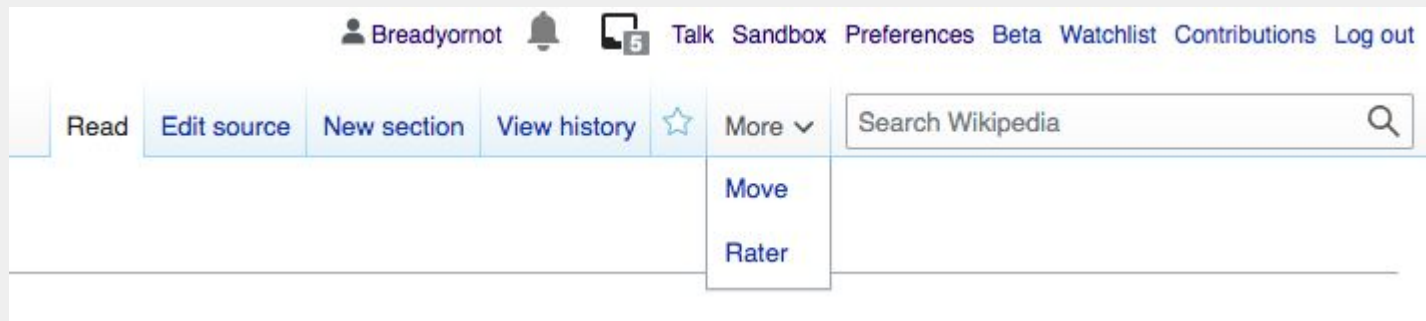
**Note:** After saving, you have to bypass your browser's cache to see the changes. **Google Chrome, Firefox, Microsoft Edge** and **Safari**: Hold down the ⇧ Shift key and click the *Reload* toolbar button. For details and instructions about other browsers, see [Wikipedia:Bypass your cache](#).

```
1 importScript('User:Evad37/rater.js'); // [[User:Evad37/rater]]
```

# Tagging & assessing articles

## How to install Rater...

1. To check and see if Rater has been installed properly, head to the 'talk' page of any article.
2. Go to 'More' on the top right and you should see an option for 'Rater' under the dropdown menu.





# Vital articles in need of edits

**A list of articles at the core of writing studies that need significant work**

Vital articles in need of improvement

Article	How vital?	Quality rank	Average monthly pageviews	Notes
<a href="#">Code switching</a>	level-5 vital article	C	27,747	
<a href="#">Communication</a>	level-2 vital article in Society	C	78,204	
<a href="#">Essay</a>	level-4 vital article in Art	Start	49,720	
<a href="#">Grammar</a>	level-3 vital article in Society	C	39,356	
<a href="#">Literacy</a>	level-4 vital article in Society	C	21,904	



# General articles in need of edits

## A crowdsourced list of articles in need of improvement

### General articles in need of improvement

- [Academic writing](#) (underdeveloped, needs citation, narrativizing, not sophisticated in approach)
- [Adult literacy](#) (redirects to adult education with no mention of writing)
- [Author](#) (needs from perspective of teaching, student writer identity)
- [Argument](#) (extensive, but no mention of writing)
- [Argumentation theory](#) (extensive, but no mention of writing)
- [Theodore Baird](#) (only mentioned for his house designed by Frank Lloyd Wright)
- [Basic writing](#) (extensive, but can use revision to meet Wikipedia standards)
- [James A. Berlin](#) (lots of stuff listed, but almost no narrative)
- [Charles Bazerman](#) (contributions not well elaborated, add 2018 NCTE James R. Squire Awardee)

*See more at [Article lists](#)*

# Articles for creation

## A crowdsourced list of articles in need of creation

### Articles in need of creation

- [Linda Adler-Kassner](#) (2017 CCCC Chair)
- [Chris Anson](#) (2013 CCCC Chair)
- [Adam Banks](#) (2015 CCCC Chair through 9/15)
- [Ann E. Berthoff](#) (include 1997 CCCC Exemplar Awardee)
- [Brain and writing](#)
- [Carolyn Calhoon-Dillahunt](#) (2018 CCCC Chair)
- [Joyce Carter](#) (2016 CCCC Chair)
- [Courtney Cazden](#) (include 2004 NCTE James R. Square Awardee)
- [Community writing](#) (reference [CCW](#) and [Community Writing Journal](#))

*See more at [Articles for creation](#)*

# Article list clean up

**Cleaning up article lists allows us to continue improving articles towards knowledge equity goals**

## Article list clean up

WikiProjects are built, edited, and maintained by a volunteer base of active participants. Articles under our scope are often edited by both active WikiProject Writing participants, as well as the wider Wikipedian community. Periodically, our article lists (general articles in need of improvement and articles in need of creation) will need to be reviewed and updated to account for new contributions. Here's how you can help:

**General articles in need of improvement:** Review the article list and article breadcrumbs (notes listed in parenthesis next to each article). Read and review the article(s), looking for both general and breadcrumb-specific improvements. If the notes have already been implemented into the article, delete them and add a new note with a new source or area in need of improvement. If you think the article no longer needs improvement, leave a note on WikiProject Writing's discussion page with a link to the article and why you think the article should be removed from the list.

**Articles in need of creation:** Review the article list and look for articles that now have bluelinks; these are articles that have now been created. Take a look at the new article and look for any clean up banners and sections in need of improvement or expansion. Delete these articles from the list and move them to the General articles in need of improvement list with your suggestions for further improvements.

When you're finished, be sure to leave a message on the [WikiProject Writing discussion page](#) mentioning what you reviewed and when. This will help other participants keep track of what's already been revised and signal renewed edit guidance on articles of interest.



# Hyperlinks & redlinks

## Hyperlinking and adding redlinks

*In order to increase the accessibility of articles under the scope of WikiProject Writing, it is important to add hyperlinks that allow articles to be linked to each other. An article without any hyperlinks is considered an orphan. A topic/person without a Wikipedia article may be hyperlinked with a **redlink** - used to designate an article in need of creation.*

1. **Hyperlinking:** Head to an article under the scope of WikiProject Writing.
  - **Source editor:** Add a set of brackets ([example]) to the topic you wish to hyperlink. Your link will either publish in blue or red, depending on if the article exists on Wikipedia yet.
  - **Visual editor:** Highlight the topic you wish to hyperlink or redlink. Click on the 'Link' icon from the toolbar and select the Wikipedia article it refers to in the drop down menu. If an article does not exist, click on the 'Page does not exist' link from the dropdown to create a redlink.

**Adding hyperlinks and redlinks are a great way to find new articles for creation & to link pages across articles.**



# Watching articles

## Watching articles

**Watching** articles refers to opting into receiving email notifications about any edits made to an article(s) of your choosing. This function allows you to keep track of ongoing discussions about an article, as well as serve a peer review function by offering feedback on recent edits. Additionally, you can check how many editors are currently watching a specific article to monitor the amount of feedback you may receive on a recent edit or talk page post.

Here's how you can watch an article & check how many Wikipedians are watching an article:

1. Click on the star icon in the top right of your screen, next to the 'View history' button to add yourself to the watch list of an article.
2. Select 'Page information' under tools on the leftmost side of the web page. From here you will find the total number of editors watching the page under 'Basic information.'

**Watching articles allows you to serve a peer review function by offering feedback on recent edits.**



# Adding wikidata statements

## Adding Wikidata statements

Wikidata [↗](#) is one of Wikipedia's sister projects that helps to categorize and inform connections between article topics, people, etc. Wikidata can be edited by both humans and bots in any language and showcase content gaps across language Wikipedias, proving incredibly useful for combating knowledge inequities.

Wikipedia articles can have associated 'items' on Wikidata. Each item has a unique identifier called a 'Q-number' (i.e. [Q4119870](#) [↗](#)). These items are made up of properties and values that can be easily documented by reading the lead section of a Wikipedia article. Properties connect items to values (i.e. instance of, date of birth etc). A value connects the item to the property (i.e. academic, March 15, 1972, etc). An item, property, and value together are called statements.

By creating items for Wikipedia articles as well as adding properties and values, we make information more accessible to a wider audience. This can lead to translations across language Wikipedias, generating [queries](#) [↗](#) that showcase relevant content gaps under our scope, and greater categorization of articles that already exist under WikiProject Writing's scope.

Here's how you can find the wikidata statement on a Wikipedia article and add properties and values yourself:

1. Head to any Wikipedia article
2. Click on 'Wikidata item' under 'Tools' on the leftmost side of the screen

**Wikidata can  
showcase content  
gaps across language  
Wikipedias**



# Review & assessment

**Quality and importance scores are generated after articles are added to the WikiProject.**

Writing articles by quality and importance							
Quality	Importance						Total
	Top	High	Mid	Low	NA	???	
<b>⊕ GA</b>	1			1			<b>2</b>
<b>B</b>	2	2	2	10			<b>16</b>
<b>C</b>	7	4	12	51			<b>74</b>
<b>Start</b>	7	13	20	59		1	<b>100</b>
<b>Stub</b>	1	4	3	29			<b>37</b>
<b>List</b>		1		1			<b>2</b>
<b>Category</b>					31		<b>31</b>
<b>Project</b>					1		<b>1</b>
<b>Other</b>					16		<b>16</b>
<b>Assessed</b>	18	24	37	151	48	1	<b>279</b>
<b>Unassessed</b>			1			8	<b>9</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>288</b>



# Collaborating with participants



# Collaboration tools & practices

1. Discussion (talk page)
2. Events
3. Leaving article  
'breadcrumbs'
4. Patrolling recent changes



# Discussion (talk page)

1. A central hub for all communications with other members.
2. A great place to enlist help from other participants on an article or an issue you may be having.

**Wikipedia talk:WikiProject Writing**

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

<a href="#">Main page</a>	<a href="#">Discussion</a>	<a href="#">Participants</a>	<a href="#">Events</a>	<a href="#">Open tasks</a>	<a href="#">Templates</a>	<a href="#">Assessment</a>	<a href="#">Popular pages</a>
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**Project** This page does not require a rating on the project's quality scale.

**Welcome to the WikiProject Writing talk page!** [\[ edit source \]](#)

This page is a space to ask questions, coordinate collaborations, and discuss anything related to WikiProject Writing. You can learn more about using talk pages at [Help:Talk pages](#). We are so glad you're here! Drkill (talk) 01:28, 8 March 2021 (UTC)



# Events

These house our monthly spotlights, focused on addressing content gaps related to writing studies' fields

<a href="#">Main page</a>	<a href="#">Discussion</a>	<a href="#">Participants</a>	<a href="#">Resources</a>	<a href="#">Events</a>	<a href="#">Open tasks</a>	<a href="#">Templates</a>	<a href="#">Assessment</a>	<a href="#">Popular pages</a>
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*Past spotlights • Writing recommendations • Translation instructions • Article worklist • Resources • January workshops & office hours*


## Global Scholars - Latin America

This month, we are working to better represent Latin American scholars—**Emilia Ferreiro, Luiz Antonio Marcuschi, Paula Carlino, Elvina Narvaja de Anoux, Angela B. Kleiman, Desiree Motta-Roth, and Virginia Zavala**—and their key works on both field-specific and vital articles within writing studies. We aim to work together to address knowledge inequities on Wikipedia as we create and contribute to these articles.

We want to highlight the #1Lib1Ref campaign going on right now. This is an easy way to get involved with Wikipedia editing by contributing one citation.

**Our main goals are to . . .**

- 1. Set writing goals:** Create achievable goals for contributions to a target article or articles.
- 2. Coordinate collaboration:** Form writing groups of WikiProject Writing participants interested in improving the same article or articles.
- 3. Combat knowledge inequities:** Address content gaps by creating new content with attention to the research and scholarship of marginalized writing studies teacher-scholars.



# Leaving article ‘breadcrumbs’

Add a little note about how to improve the article next to it to facilitate a chain of edits

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- [African-American Vernacular English](#) (paragraph on Social Context > In Education mentions 1974 CCCC statement on Students' Right to Their Own Language but needs to be updated and developed)
- [Theodore Baird](#) (only mentioned for his house designed by Frank Lloyd Wright)
- [Collaborative writing](#) (from teaching point of view, underdeveloped)
- [Keith Gilyard](#) (2000 CCCC Chair)
- [Native American rhetoric](#)
- [Elaine Richardson \(writer\)](#) ([Faculty page](#) [↗](#))
- [Writing studies](#)

*See more at [Article lists](#)*



# Patrolling recent changes

1. Shows articles tagged with the WikiProject Writing banner with the recent edits completed on them.
2. Look for 'how to help' on the main page.

## Related changes

Enter a page name to see changes on pages linked to or from that page. (To see members of a category, enter Category:Name of category).

Show changes on pages linked from ▼

Wikipedia:WikiProject Writing/Article lists

### Active filters

Human (not bot) × Page edits × Page creations × Logged actions ×

☰ Filter changes (use menu or search for filter name)

▶ Live updates

26 March 2021

- (diff | hist) . . Wikipedia:WikiProject Writing/Events; 15:32 . . (+271) . . Breadyornot (talk | contribs)
- (diff | hist) . . m Writer; 09:17 . . (−6) . . Felida97 (talk | contribs) (*Reverted edits by 2402:4000:2382:FF0:58E3:6789:864D:7052 (talk) to last version by VincentGod11*) (*Tag: Rollback*)
- (diff | hist) . . Writer; 09:17 . . (+6) . . 2402:4000:2382:ff0:58e3:6789:864d:7052 (talk) (*shoots*) (*Tags: Visual edit, Reverted*)



# WikiProject Writing Tutorial



# Questions?



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# Thank you!

Consider joining us for office hours to discuss these and other topics more in-depth.

<https://calendly.com/savannahcragin/ccccwi-one-on-one-office-hours>

