



WIKIPEDIA: HOW TO EDIT IT, AND CREATE GENDER EQUITY

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1840 Slavery:
London

US women
travelled 5,000
miles (refused
entry)

The birth of
women's rights



The Pankhursts

“Together they formed the **Women's Franchise League** in 1889”

What is Wikipedia; why it works

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Wikipedia

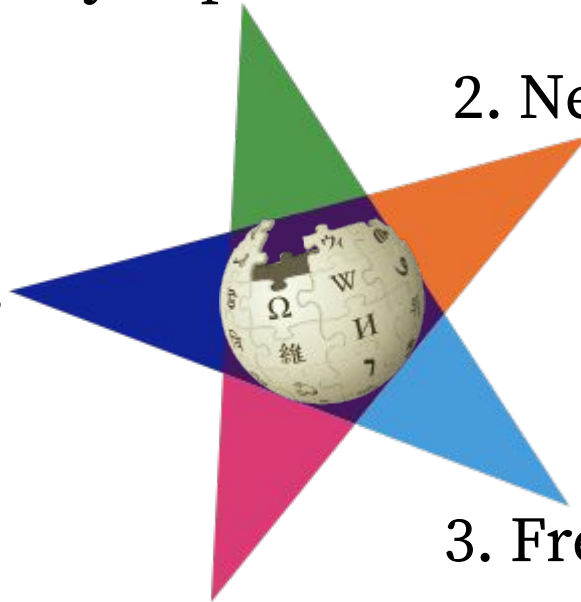
1. An encyclopedia

2. Neutral point of view

5. No firm rules

3. Free content

4. Respect and civility





Jimmy Wales

“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





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WIKIDATA



WIKISOURCE



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The free dictionary



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free species directory



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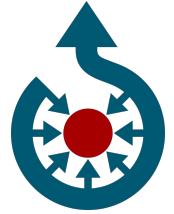


**WIKIMEDIA
META-WIKI**





WikiCommons



Carol Whitehead (2019).

*One of two images of her that
can be used **legally** around the
world.*

Volunteers → that's us!



Paid editing → do's and don'ts





WIKIPEDIA
The Free Encyclopedia

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Welcome to Wikipedia,

the free encyclopedia that anyone can edit.

3,489,830 articles in English

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Today's featured article



The **Brill Tramway** was a six-mile (10 km) rail line in rural Buckinghamshire, England. It was privately built in 1871 by the 3rd Duke of Buckingham and Chandos as a branch line to help transport goods between his lands at Wotton House and the national rail network.

Lobbying from the nearby town of Brill led to its extension to Brill railway station and conversion to passenger use in early 1872. Although locomotives were bought, the line had been designed for horses and the trains travelled at average speeds of only 4 miles per hour (6.4 km/h). In the 1880s, the Duke of Buckingham planned to upgrade the route to main line standards and extend the line to Oxford, and in anticipation the line was named the Oxford & Aylesbury Tramroad. The extension to Oxford was never built. Instead, the Brill Tramway became part of London's Metropolitan Railway. In 1933 the Metropolitan Railway became the Metropolitan Line of London Transport, and thus the Brill Tramway became part of the London Underground, despite being 40 miles (65 km) from London and not underground. In 1935 the London Transport management closed the Brill Tramway and the infrastructure was dismantled and sold. Little that remains other than the final station at Quainton Road, now the Buckinghamshire Railway Centre. (more...)

- Recently featured: *Cherish – Flywheel* – *Shyster and Flywheel* – Manchester Park 1
- Archived: *By email* – *More featured articles...*

Did you know

From Wikipedia's newest editors:

- ... that **William J. Olcott** (pictured), captain of the 1882 and 1883 Michigan Wolverines football teams, became the president of a railroad and a mining company?
- ... that Hudson's Bay Company officials learned of the **1709 Franco-**



In the news

- Canadian-American actor **Leslie Nielsen** (pictured) dies at the age of 84.
- WikiLeaks releases a collection of more than 250,000 American **diplomatic cables**, including 100,000 marked "secret" or "confidential".
- Tom DeLay**, former Republican Majority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, is convicted of money laundering and conspiracy to commit money laundering.
- The Russian State Duma declares Joseph Stalin and other officials of the Soviet Union to have been responsible for the 1940 **Katyn massacre**.
- In a **parliamentary election** in the Democratic Party of the Friendly Islands wins a majority.
- Twenty-nine miners are presumed dead in a **second explosion** in the Pike River Mine, the deadliest mining disaster in 96 years.



Wikinews – Read the current events...

On this day...

- November 30:** Independence Day (Guatemala); **Saint Andrew's Day** in Scotland; **Black Friday** in the United States
- 1700 – Great Northern War: Peter the Great at the **Battle of Poltava**
- 1872 – The **first-ever international cricket match** took place at Hamilton Crescent, Glasgow, between Scotland and England



Policies & Guidelines



General Notability Guideline

- “If a topic has received **significant coverage** in **reliable sources** that are **independent of the subject**, it is presumed to be suitable for a stand-alone article or list.”

Reliable Sources

- Sources should be “published”, not “oral”.
- Online sources are convenient, but sources do not have to be available online.
- Same language sources are preferred, but sources in any language are acceptable.



Conflict

- Wikipedia can get frustrating.
- Take criticism as a learning opportunity.
- Wikipedia always wins.



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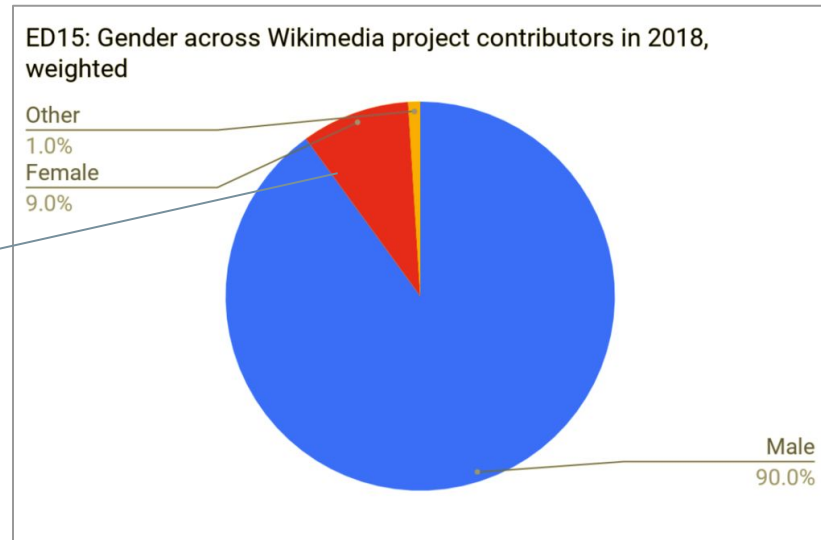
2010: **12.6%**

Female editors

2011: **8.5%** Goal set in 2011 for 2015: **25%**

2015: ?

2018: **9%**



Conflict, confidence, criticism



Assumptions (some people make)

1. It is the responsibility of women to fix sexism on Wikipedia.
2. Women do not further patriarchal knowledge and power structures.
3. Women will edit underrepresented topics.
4. Women will make Wikipedia a nicer place.
5. Women have free time to dedicate to Wikipedia.

We suggest

1. It is OUR responsibility to fix bias (e.g. sexism) on Wikipedia.
2. Feminists (of all genders) need to fix patriarchal knowledge and power structures.
3. We need diversity (all genders) to reveal systemic bias
4. WE must make Wikipedia a nicer place.
5. Editing Wikipedia is a charitable donation of time.

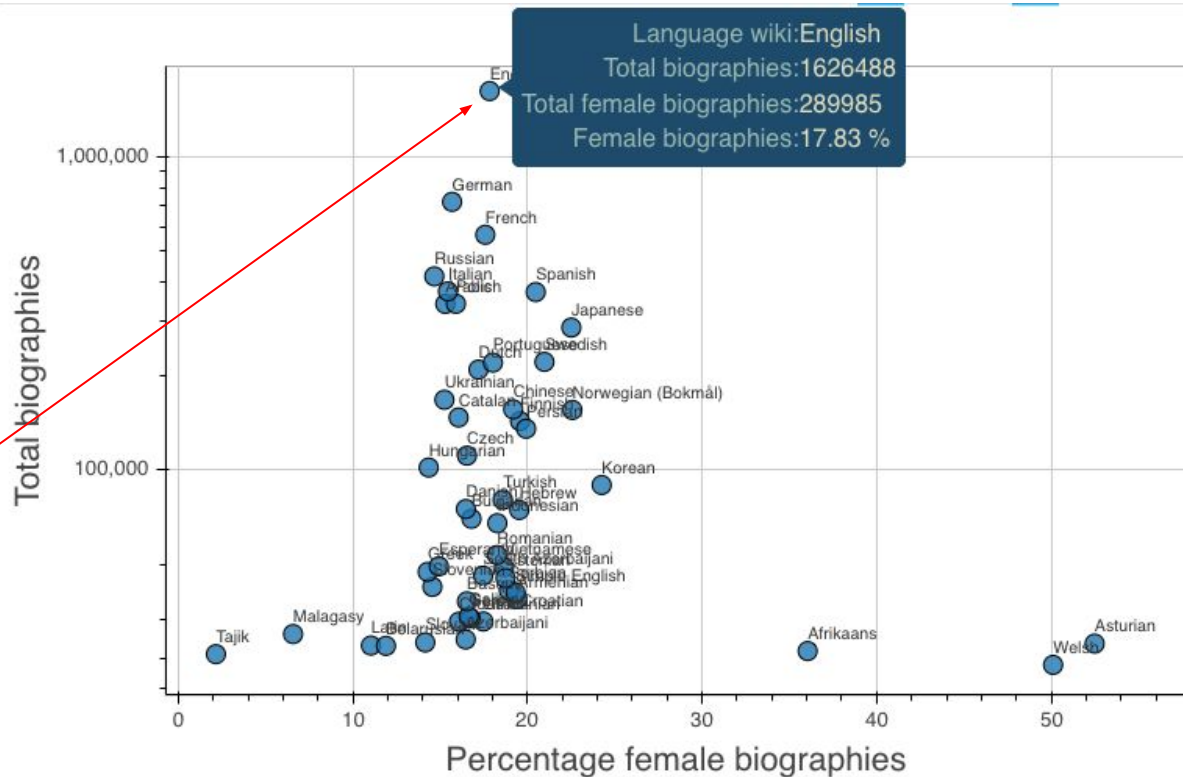
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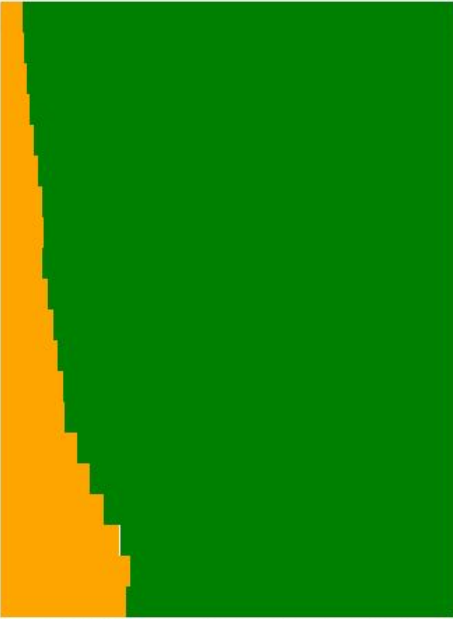
Female biographies: English Wikipedia

2014: **15.5%**

2019: **17.83%**

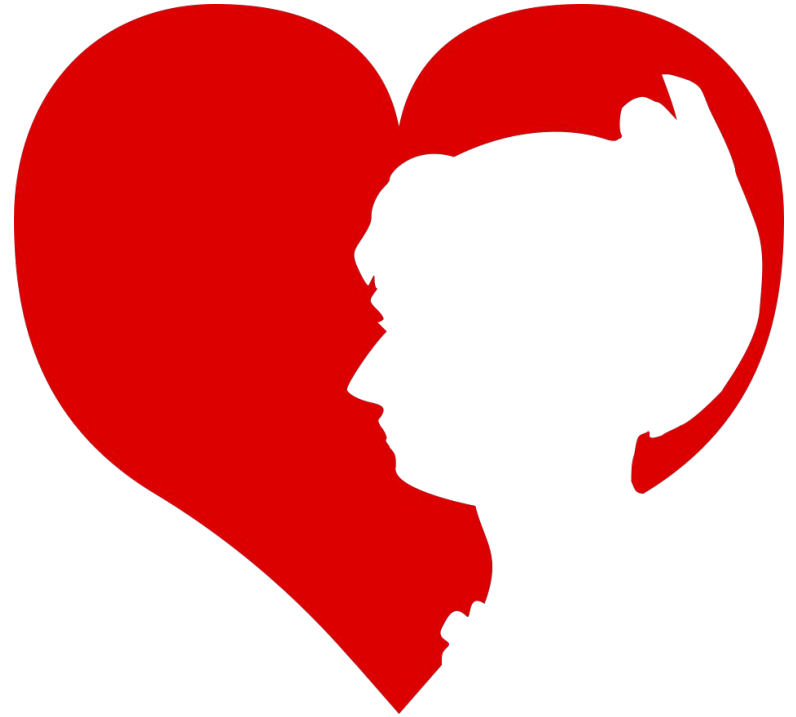


Gender Gap by year of birth

Years of birth	Total	Total with gender	Females	% Females	Gap	Males	% Males	Others	% Others
1800 → 1809	27,252	26,880	1,350	5.022 %		25,528	94.970 %	2	0.007 %
1810 → 1819	32,364	31,926	1,707	5.347 %		30,218	94.650 %	1	0.003 %
1820 → 1829	35,466	34,914	2,024	5.797 %		32,889	94.200 %	1	0.003 %
1830 → 1839	39,522	38,891	2,503	6.436 %		36,386	93.559 %	2	0.005 %
1840 → 1849	46,217	45,460	3,300	7.259 %		42,157	92.734 %	3	0.007 %
1850 → 1859	54,129	53,101	4,348	8.188 %		48,751	91.808 %	2	0.004 %
1860 → 1869	68,097	66,729	6,077	9.107 %		60,649	90.889 %	3	0.004 %
1870 → 1879	82,093	80,111	7,641	9.538 %		72,468	90.459 %	2	0.002 %
1880 → 1889	103,254	100,259	9,346	9.322 %		90,905	90.670 %	8	0.008 %
1890 → 1899	120,048	116,226	12,186	10.485 %		104,034	89.510 %	6	0.005 %
1900 → 1909	145,243	140,280	16,518	11.775 %		123,759	88.223 %	3	0.002 %
1910 → 1919	156,292	150,574	18,936	12.576 %		131,627	87.417 %	11	0.007 %
1920 → 1929	195,402	189,194	26,191	13.843 %		162,991	86.150 %	12	0.006 %
1930 → 1939	206,084	198,389	28,166	14.197 %		170,206	85.794 %	17	0.009 %
1940 → 1949	257,850	249,817	42,594	17.050 %		207,182	82.934 %	41	0.016 %
1950 → 1959	281,886	270,346	53,424	19.761 %		216,849	80.212 %	73	0.027 %
1960 → 1969	274,410	264,003	60,368	22.866 %		203,522	77.091 %	113	0.043 %
1970 → 1979	259,128	252,500	66,350	26.277 %		186,038	73.678 %	112	0.044 %
1980 → 1989	266,153	259,715	74,416	28.653 %		185,124	71.280 %	175	0.067 %
1990 → 1999	175,855	170,348	46,913	27.540 %		123,331	72.399 %	104	0.061 %
2000 → 2009	9,950	9,252	4,018	43.428 %	<i>total under the threshold of 20000 people</i>	5,230	56.528 %	4	0.043 %
2010 → 2019	172	136	73	53.676 %	<i>total under the threshold of 20000 people</i>	63	46.324 %	0	0.000 %

Turning women blue: meet Women in Red

(We're fixing gender
bias on Wikipedia,
and you can help!)



Women in Red has changed the #5 website.

We are...

- 2nd largest wiki project (to Military History)
- We operate in 23 languages
- We have 100s of members
- We have 1000s of Twitter followers
- We receive \$0 in funding
- No staff; all volunteers
- There is no charge and no one is in charge



- We are the only wiki project with its own anthem. Want to hear it?
- Before we show you how to edit, we'd like to [share this copyrighted video with you](#) whilst you check you have a laptop, wiki access and wiki-passwords.
- When you're all set, please go here: bit.ly/Pankhurst2019

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We hope you created your Account. If not, then try your phone.



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Enter your username

Password

Enter a password

Confirm password

Enter password again

Email address (optional)

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Create your account

Wikipedia is made by people like you.



877,109,700

edits



5,800,489

articles



137,571

recent contributors

Using the “Visual Editor”

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Wikipedia article for the University of California, Irvine. The browser's address bar shows the URL https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_California,_Irvine. The page features the Wikipedia logo on the left and a navigation menu at the top. The article title is "University of California, Irvine" in green, with a "Swap gender pronouns" button to its right. Below the title, it is noted as a "B-class article" from Wikipedia. The main text describes the university as a public research university in Irvine, California, one of the 10 campuses in the UC system. It mentions that UC Irvine offers 80 undergraduate degrees and 98 graduate and professional degrees. The university is classified as a Research I university and, in fiscal year 2013, had \$348 million in research and development expenditures according to the National Science Foundation. A reference [9] indicates that UC Irvine became a member of the University of California system. To the right of the text is a large image of the University of California, Irvine seal, which features a book, a star, and the motto "LET THERE BE LIGHT". The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows several open files, including images named "Adriana_Briscoe_in...jpg", "APR19_April_Rawya.png", "APR17_April_Kare...png", "APR16_April_Elisa...png", and "APR15_April_Corri...png". The system clock shows the time as 10:53 on 15/04/2019.

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Swap gender pronouns

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

Coordinates: 33°38′44″N 117°50′33″W﻿ / ﻿

The **University of California, Irvine** (**UCI** or **UC Irvine**)^[8] is a [public research university](#) located in Irvine, California. It is one of the 10 campuses in the [University of California](#) (UC) system. UC Irvine offers 80 undergraduate degrees and 98 graduate and professional degrees. The university is classified as a Research I university and in fiscal year 2013 had \$348 million in [research and development expenditures](#) according to the [National Science Foundation](#) ^[9] UC Irvine became a member of the

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
LET THERE BE LIGHT
THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
IRVINE

Type here to search

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Resources

Imagine a world in which every single person on the planet is given free access to the sum of all human knowledge.

Jimmy Wales



Welcome to Wikipedia

Wikipedia is the largest encyclopedia in the world. It's created and maintained by more than 100,000 volunteers from more than 200 countries. It's free to use, free to edit, and free of advertisements.

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Life of an article

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Create a new article

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Try it! answer key

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Are you one of the 12 million people who use Wikipedia each day?

Everyone people all over the world use Wikipedia to help with school projects, business plans, personal research, and to plan travel. They use it to learn new things, to get inspiration for their art, to find out about their favorite sports, and to learn about the world.

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- Helpful place for new editors to ask questions: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Teahouse_presentation.pdf
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- https://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/Wikimedia_Technology/Annual_Plans/FY2019/CDP3:_Knowledge_Integrity
- <http://whgi.wmflabs.org/gender-by-language.html>

Checklists



I have...

Editing Checklist

- [Created an account](#) & logged in.
- Decided upon a page to edit or create.
- Located secondary sources to give me information on the topic.
- Opened my Sandbox to edit (new pages) or clicked "Edit" (existing pages).
- Written/improved a [lead section](#), making it clear:
 - who/what the page's subject is/was and
 - why they are notable.
- Added more information (putting everything in my own words)
e.g. history/context, work/major events, relations/affiliations, legacy, etc.
- Referenced where I learned that information using the Cite button.
- Made [wikilinks](#) (chain link button) to connect my article up to other articles, and gone to other articles and added links to my page where relevant.
- Made a References section using a heading and inserting Template reflist.
- Created an [infobox](#) (where needed) by inserting Template infobox.
- Added [categories](#) (by looking at similar pages for ideas on which ones to use!).
- Written an edit summary & pressed save

When you're finished in your Sandbox, click the big blue **Submit for Review** button (or email a friendly experienced **Wikimedian**) so an experienced editor can look over your page & publish it to turn it into a **live, Google-able Wiki-article!**



Biog-edit Checklist

I have...

- Created account & logged in.
- Searched to see if the page already exists (& checked they are notable if not).
- Located at least 3 sources to give me information on the person and add references.
- Opened up my Sandbox to edit in (for new pages) or clicked "Edit" (for existing pages).
- Written/improved a lead section making it clear who the person is/was and why they are notable.
- Added more information about their life and work (putting everything in my own words).
- Referenced where I learned that information using the Cite button.
- Made wikilinks.
- Created an infobox (where needed).
- Considered adding a picture.
- Added categories.
- Added external links and/or templates to wiki sister sites (where needed).
- Written an edit summary & pressed save (if it existed already), or clicked the big blue submit button!

Biographies

Title: usually the name of the person. Sometimes an occupation is included in brackets if there's more than one person with that name.

Contents: the table of contents automatically appears when you have 3 or more headings. It is made up of the heading text and you will see it when you press save.

Headings: most biographies are organised chronologically, with headings to divide the information into easily navigable chunks.

Most begin with early life and education, then work, and end with a section on later life/death/commemoration. Click the *Paragraph* button to create headings.

Wikilinks: are blue words that link to other Wikipedia pages and help people to find simpler explanations or further reading. To add, highlight your word and use the button that looks like a chain *Link*.

Remember to link to your article from other relevant articles, as well as from it!

Categories: are a way that people find pages, like Tags. Putting a person into categories will help others to find them. Be as specific as possible (e.g. "English electrical engineers" rather than just "engineers"). To find categories that you could use, try looking at the categories on the page of another person who did similar work.

Lead paragraph: is where you summarise key points in a few sentences. The name (in bold) comes first, then any letters (e.g. FRS, OBE), then date of birth (and death) in brackets, followed by a short description of why that person is notable.



Infobox: this is a template that helps readers to find key facts at a glance. There are specific infoboxes for different occupations, e.g. infobox scientist. To find an infobox, click *Insert*, then *Template* – then specify what kind. If in doubt, infobox person works for all biographies.

Article text: should be written from a neutral point of view. Steer clear of adjectives that make someone sound either great or terrible, and instead simply report what they did so that readers can see for themselves what sort of person this is/was. Put everything in your own words to avoid plagiarism.

References: articles should be thoroughly referenced (aim for at least 3 references). Reference using the *Cite* button. Wikipedia will help you to automatically generate references or to fill in the blanks on a template. You can also click on existing references to reuse them.

At the bottom of your page, create a heading for references, then on a new line add the template `{{reflist}}` and references will neatly appear at the end of your article.