# Art Students League Archive Edit-a-thon

# Wikipedia edit-a-thon







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# Agenda

- Thank you!
- Housekeeping: Wiki event page and social media
- Introduction: What is Wikipedia?
- Wikipedia and gender
- Basics and policies
- Create and username/Sign-in
- Article anatomy
- Let's practice
- Other ways to edit
- Let's edit!

# Thank you American Art and Portrait Gallery Library!



# Housekeeping

# Navigate to the wiki event page.

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

# WP:WMDC-SAAMPG

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

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# Introduction

# 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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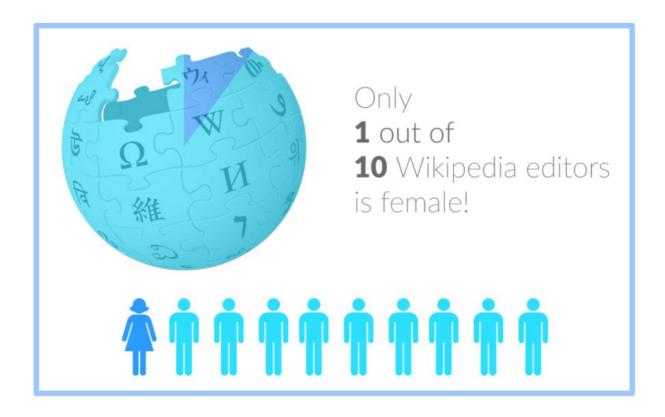
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# Wikipedia and Gender

# 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.
- 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*,

# **Basics and Policies**

# 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

# **Neutral Point of View**

Wikipedia articles should represent diverse views fairly, proportionately, and in non-judgmental language

Shortcut: WP:NPOV



# **Avoid conflict of interest (COI)**

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Conflict\_of\_interest

Can I edit the Wikipedia article about my workplace? Boss? Grandma?

Possibly, but ONLY under the right conditions.

"When advancing outside interests is more important to an editor than advancing the aims of Wikipedia, that editor stands in a conflict of interest (COI)."

Shortcut: WP:COL

- Cite authoritative sources
- Don't remove controversies from text
- No one person can "own" an article or control its content
- Disclose your affiliations

# Sample COI statement for cultural institutions

I, User: [username here], am an employee of [your institution], and a cultural institution per Wikiproject:GLAM. I accept the editing conditions specified at that page. I will not make any edits that would not be beneficial to the goals of Wikipedia.

My main edits will tend to consist of the following activities:

Example 1 – Example 2

I will modify my editing behavior based on problems cited by other editors or if my editing conflicts with other Wikipedia guidelines. I ask that other editors do not hesitate to contact me, via my user talk page, if I appear to be going against this declaration. [sign here]

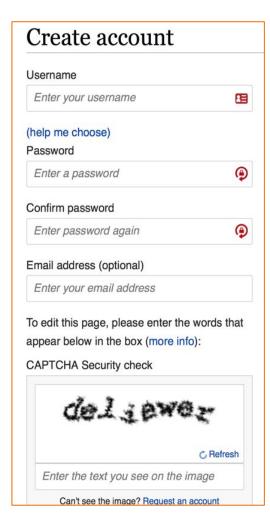
# Helpful information here:

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:Cheatsheet
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:Getting started
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Five pillars
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Core content policies
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Your first article
- <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Writing">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Writing</a> about women
- https://dashboard.wikiedu.org/training/students

# Helpful people here:

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Teahouse
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:WikiProject Women in Red

# Create A Username/Sign-in



# 1. Create account

https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Special:CreateAccount

- Individuals only; no institutional, shared accounts
- Advantages
  - Signals membership in community
  - Facilitates discussion
  - Preferences and privacy

# 2. Sign in on wiki meetup page

WP:WMDC-CCW

# 3. Let's learn to edit!

# **Article anatomy**

- Select to an article from our worklist and follow along
- The worklist can be found on our wiki event page.

# WP:WMDC-SAAMPG

Ensure that you are logged-in

### **Edit buttons** Edit = Visual Editor, Edit Source = Code

### Discussion

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### Charles Alston [edit | edit | edit | source]

A B-class article from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

For the Scottish botanist, see Charles Alston (botanist).

Charles Henry Alston (November 28, 1907 - April 27, 1977) was an African-American painter, sculptor, illustrator, muralist and teacher who lived and worked in the New York City neighborhood of Harlem. Alston was active in the Harlem Renaissance; Alston was the first African-American supervisor for the Works Progress Administration's Federal Art Project. Alston designed and painted murals at the Harlem Hospital and the Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Building, In 1990 Alston's bust of Martin Luther King, Jr. became the first image of an African American displayed at the White House.

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### **Charles Alston**



Charles Alston in 1939

### Personal life [edit | edit | source]

### Early life [edit | edit | source]

Charles Henry Alston was born on November 28, 1907, in Charlotte, North Carolina, to Reverend Primus Priss Alston and contain trabeth Miller Alston, and was the youngest of five children. [1][2][3] Only three survived past infancy: Charles, his sister Rousmaniere and his brother We dell. [1][4] Is father was born into slavery in 1851 in Pittsboro, North Carolina; after the Civil War, he graduated from St. Augustine's College and became a comine minister and founder of St. Michael's Episcopal Church. He was described as a "race man": an African American who dedicated his skills to the furtherance of the black race. [1][2][3] Reverend Alston met his wife when she was a student at his school. Charles was nicknamed "Spinky" by his father, and kept the nickname as an adult. In 1910, when Charles was three, his father died suddenly of a cerebral hemorrhage. Locals described him in admiration as the "Booker T. Washington of Charlotte". [1][3]

In 1913 Anna Alston married Harry Bearden. Through the marriage, the future artist Romare Bearden became Charles' covacross the street from each other; the friendship between Romare and Charles would last a lifetime. [1][3][4] As a child Algorithm Wendell's drawings of trains and cars, which the young artist copied. [1][5] Charles also played with clay, creating a so reflected on his memories of sculpting with clay as a child: "I'd get buckets of it and put it through strainers and make time experience I remember, making things."[1] His mother was a skilled embroiderer and took up painting at the age of 75. H

two Bearden families lived ad by his older brother lina. As an adult he min mat's the first art also good at drawing,

Murals. Columbia University.

### Notes [edit | edit source]

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### External links

### External links [edit | edit | source]

- Alston's work is used to teach children about family life and race 

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- Digitized Works Progress Administration prints at Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture 

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### Categories

**Article history** 







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### Talk: Charles Alston [edit source]

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia



Charles Alston received a peer review by Wikipedia editors, which is now archived. It may contain ideas you can use to improve this article.

Discussion

### Is this a mathematical puzzle, or am I being dim? [edit source]

"...and was the youngest of five children. Only three survived past infancy: his sister Rousmaniere, and his brothers Wendell and Charles."

This is confusing. If Charles Alston was the youngest of 5 children, that means there are 4 others. If only 3 survived past



infancy and they are his sister and his 2 brothers, then Charles Alston must clearly be one of the 2 who died in infancy. (Yes, the forename should be a clue, but some families had a habit of re-using a forename if an infant died before the birth of the second child to get that name.)

I think, really, we have a badly worded sentence. I would suggest that this is meant to say "....Only three survived past infancy: Charles, his sister Rousmaniere and his brother Wendell." I would amend this in the article, but I do not have access to any sources to verify my understanding. ThoughtIdRetired (talk) 5:35 pm, 20 September 2017, Wednesday (8 days ago) (UTC-4)

Went ahead and made this edit anyway. If my understanding of the situation is wrong, please revert/amend as appropriate. ThoughtIdRetired (talk) 3:09 pm, 25 September 2017, last Monday (3 days ago) (UTC-4)

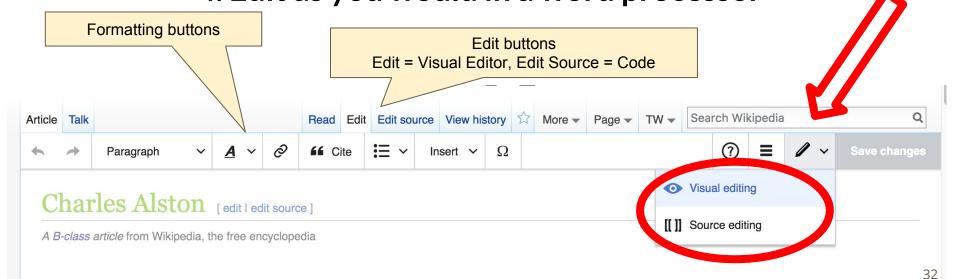
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# Let's Practice...

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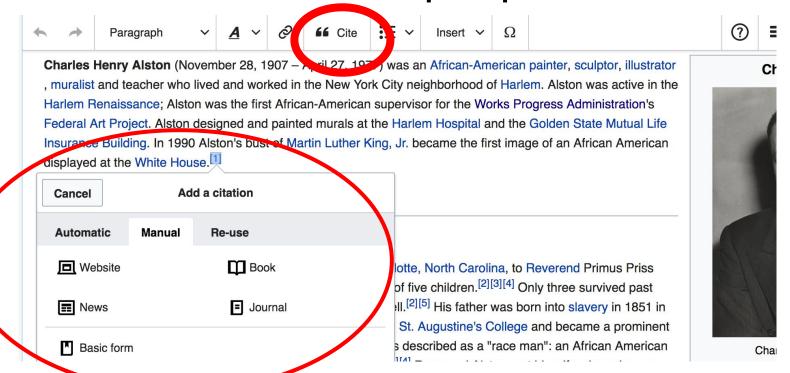
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3. Unsure if you are in Visual Editor?Select the Pencil (red arrow), select 'Visual editing'4. Edit as you would in a word processor



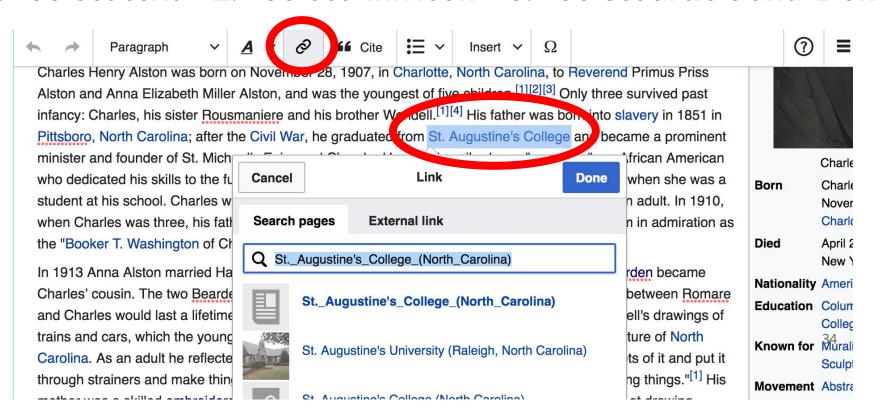
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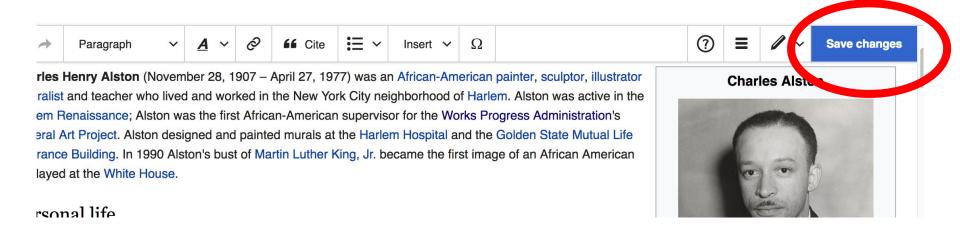


# Create links between articles

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



# Don't forget to 'Save Changes'



# **Explore linked articles**

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

# Other Ways to Edit...

# **Adding Categories**

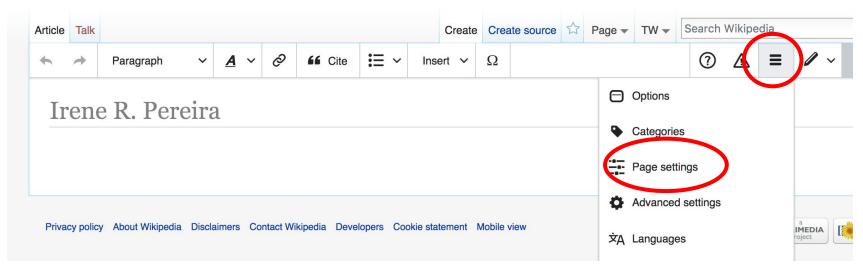
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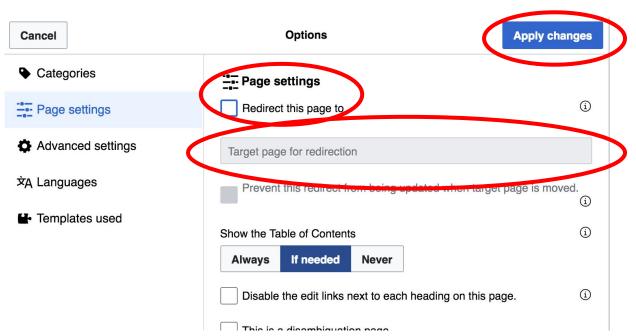
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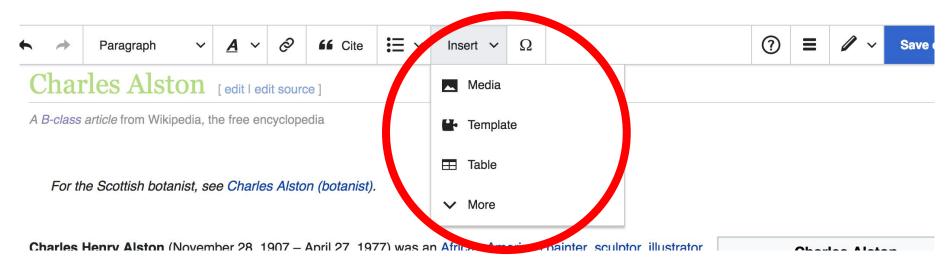


## Redirects cont.

- 4. Select 'Redirect page to'
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