Background

Mina is currently studying international relations at Seoul National University. She lives with her parents, and spends most of her time at school or studying. On the weekends, she studies English at a hagwon (private tutoring academy), because she wants to go to the US or UK for her Master’s degree. She spends her free time with friends or watching videos online, mainly English TV shows and TED talks. Mina likes to read, and tries to read books on topics mentioned in her lectures. She recently joined a book club for international development graduate students, which she found out about on Twitter, so that she could learn more about the topic.

Tech Habits

Mina always has her smartphone with her, and uses various apps to keep up to date with friends and the world. She uses Facebook “for everything”; she uses Facebook Messenger to talk to friends and follows pages related to her interests. Mina uses Snapchat and KakaoTalk to keep in touch with friends, and Twitter to follow the news. She uses Google to search for free digital copies of books her professors recommend, and YouTube to watch documentaries and political commentary.

Perceptions of Wikipedia

She uses Wikipedia a lot, mostly for schoolwork. Mina usually gets to Wikipedia by first searching for topics on Google. The language she uses depends on what she’s researching. She uses Korean Wikipedia for Korea-specific topics, like aspects of national politics and culture; but she mostly uses English Wikipedia for her schoolwork because it’s more academic and formal. She has also used Wikimedia Commons to find images for her papers.

Editing Journey

TRY

Tries source editor and finds it difficult to use. Searches on Google for a how-to guide on editing and learns about the visual editor, which makes editing easier.

Spend three weeks drafting her article in a Word document. Publishes it on Wikipedia, and sends the link to her professor.

OUTLOOK

Goes to article and sees banner on it linking to policy pages. Reads these but is still confused on how to improve the article.

Since she has already received her grade, she does not feel the need to fix it, and does not edit again.