

Laurel History

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



Housekeeping

Navigate to the wiki event page.

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

WP:WMDC-LHS

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

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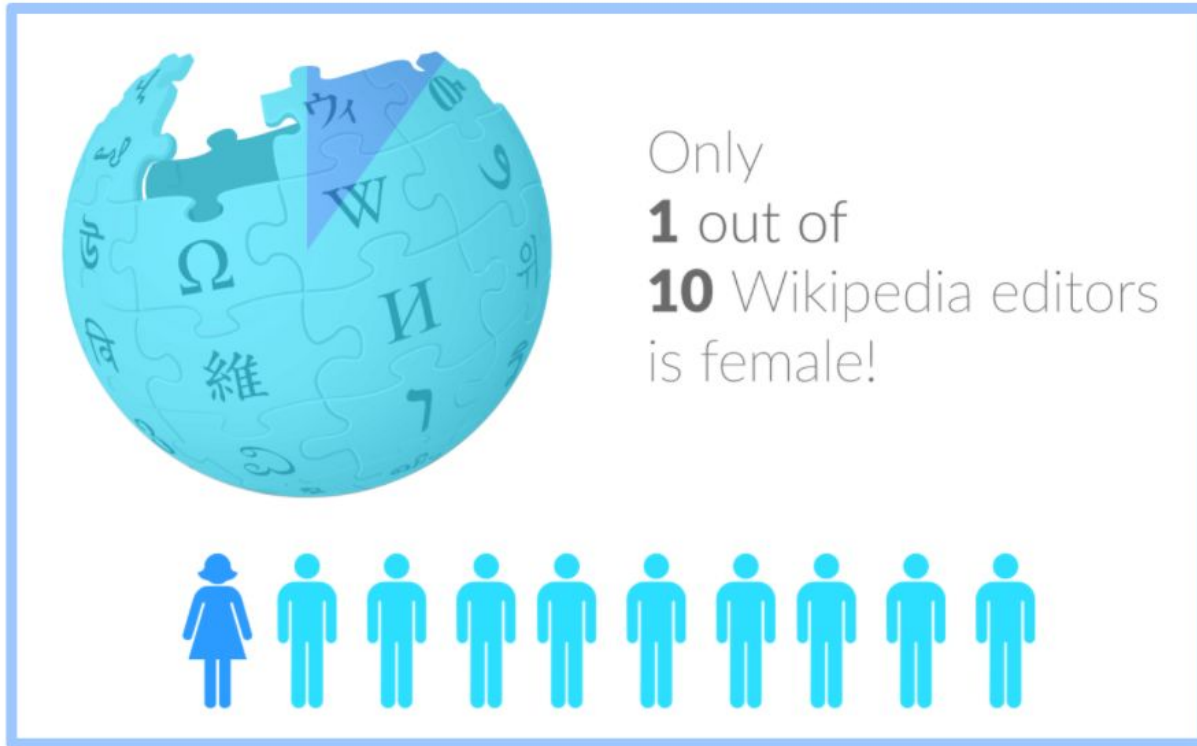
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Wikipedia and Gender

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. <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.
- 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:COI

- 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:

- Example1 - Example2

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
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Writing_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

Create account

Username



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

Password



Confirm password



Email address (optional)

To edit this page, please enter the words that appear below in the box [\(more info\)](#):

CAPTCHA Security check

[Refresh](#)

Can't see the image? [Request an account](#)

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-LHS

3. Let's learn to edit!

Review of the wiki event page

Wiki event page

WP:WMDC-LHS

Article anatomy

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

WP:WMDC-LHS

- Ensure that you are logged-in



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Discussion

Edit buttons
Edit = Visual Editor, Edit Source = Code

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Mount Vernon [edit | edit source]

A C-class article from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Lead paragraphs

For other uses, see [Mount Vernon \(disambiguation\)](#).

Mount Vernon was the [plantation house](#) of [George Washington](#), the first [President of the United States](#), his wife, [Martha Dandridge Custis Washington](#). The estate is situated on the banks of the [Potomac River](#) in [Fairfax County, Virginia](#), near [Alexandria](#), across from [Prince George's County, Maryland](#). The Washington family had owned land in the area since the time of Washington's great-grandfather in 1674. In 1739 they embarked on an expansion of the estate that continued under George Washington, who came into possession of the estate in 1754, but did not become its sole owner until 1761.

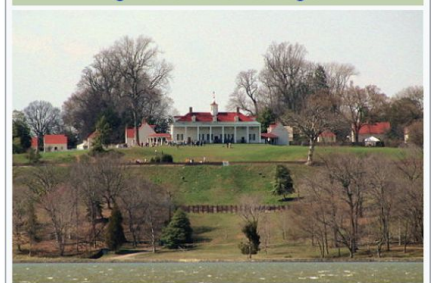
The mansion is built of wood in a loose [Palladian style](#), and was constructed by George Washington in stages between 1758 and 1778. It occupies the site of an earlier, smaller house built by George Washington's father [Augustine](#), some time between 1726 and 1735. It remained Washington's country home for the rest of his life. Following his death in 1799, under the ownership of several successive generations of the family, the estate progressively declined as revenues were insufficient to maintain it adequately. In 1858, the house's historical importance was recognized and it was saved from ruin by [The Mount Vernon Ladies' Association](#); this philanthropic organization acquired it together with part of the Washington property estate. Escaping the damage suffered by many plantation houses during the [American Civil War](#), Mount Vernon was restored.

Mount Vernon was designated a [National Historic Landmark](#) in 1960 and is today listed on the [National Historic Places](#). It is still owned and maintained in trust by The Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, and is open every day of the year. Allowing the public to see the estate is not an innovation, but part of a 200-year-old tradition started by George Washington himself. In 1794 he wrote: "I have no objection to any sober or

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Main photo or Infobox placement

- Mount Vernon**
- U.S. National Register of Historic Places
- U.S. National Historic Landmark
- Virginia Landmarks Register



Mount Vernon Estate



Wikidata

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References [edit | edit source]

Notes








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Navigation boxes

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Mount Vernon: Revision history

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Talk:Mount Vernon [edit source]

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This article is of interest to the following WikiProject

Tagging this for wikification [edit source]

The reasons seem fairly obvious. Also, the huge opening paragraph perhaps needs other editing and/or breaking up as well. - [Smerdis of Tlön](#)
3:51 pm, 9 September 2006, Saturday (11 years, 1 month, 13 days ago) (UTC−4)

I took a crack at it. It probably needs to be broken up in sections still. [Carl Lindberg](#) 1:03 am, 1 October 2006, Sunday (11 years, 21 days ago) (UTC−4)

Requested move [edit source]

Discussion

*The following discussion is an archived discussion of the proposal. **Please do not modify it.** Subsequent comments should be made in the current discussion page; no further edits should be made to this section.*

The result of the proposal was **move** from [Mount Vernon \(plantation\)](#) to [Mount Vernon](#), per the discussion below. [Dekimasuよ!](#)

12:12 am, 16 May 2007, Wednesday (10 years, 5 months, 8 days ago) (UTC−4)

I've requested that this article be moved to Mount Vernon for three reasons. One this is a Presidential Home. much like Monticello and Saagamore Hill.

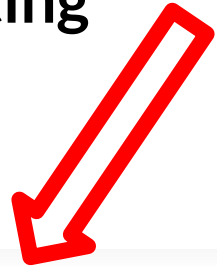
Let's Practice...

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
Edit = Visual Editor, Edit Source = Code



A screenshot of the Wikipedia edit interface for the article 'Mount Vernon'. The interface includes a top navigation bar with 'Article' and 'Talk' tabs, and a search bar. Below this is a toolbar with various editing tools like 'Paragraph', 'A', 'Link', 'Quote', 'List', 'Insert', and 'Omega'. A dropdown menu is open, showing 'Visual editing' (with an eye icon) and 'Source editing' (with a code icon). The 'Visual editing' option is circled in red. The article title 'Mount Vernon' is displayed in green, with '[edit | edit source]' links. Below the title is a subtitle 'A C-class article from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia' and a coordinate string 'Coordinates: 38°42′29″N 77°05′10″W'. At the bottom, there is a note 'For other uses, see Mount Vernon (disambiguation).' and a footer with 'Pp-pc1' and 'Use dmy dates' options.

Cite your sources



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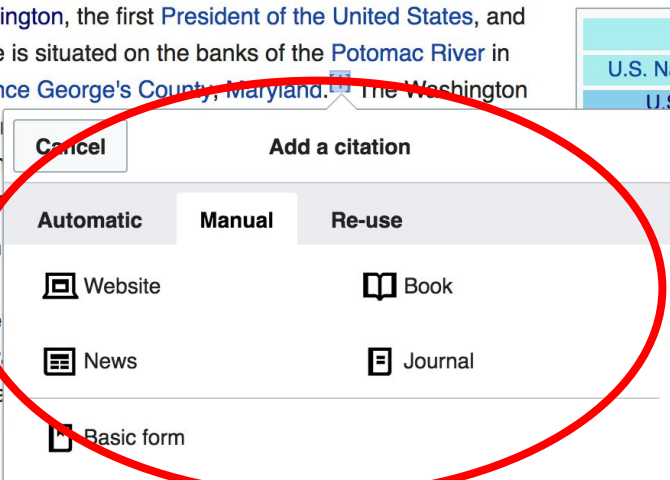
For other uses, see [Mount Vernon \(disambiguation\)](#).

Pp-pc1 Use dmy dates Use American English

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family had owned land in the area since the time of Washington. The estate was first developed when Washington embarked on an expansion of the estate that continued until his death in 1799. The estate was sold in 1800 and the land was eventually sold in 1858. The estate was not until 1858 that the estate in 1754, but did not become its sole owner until 1858.

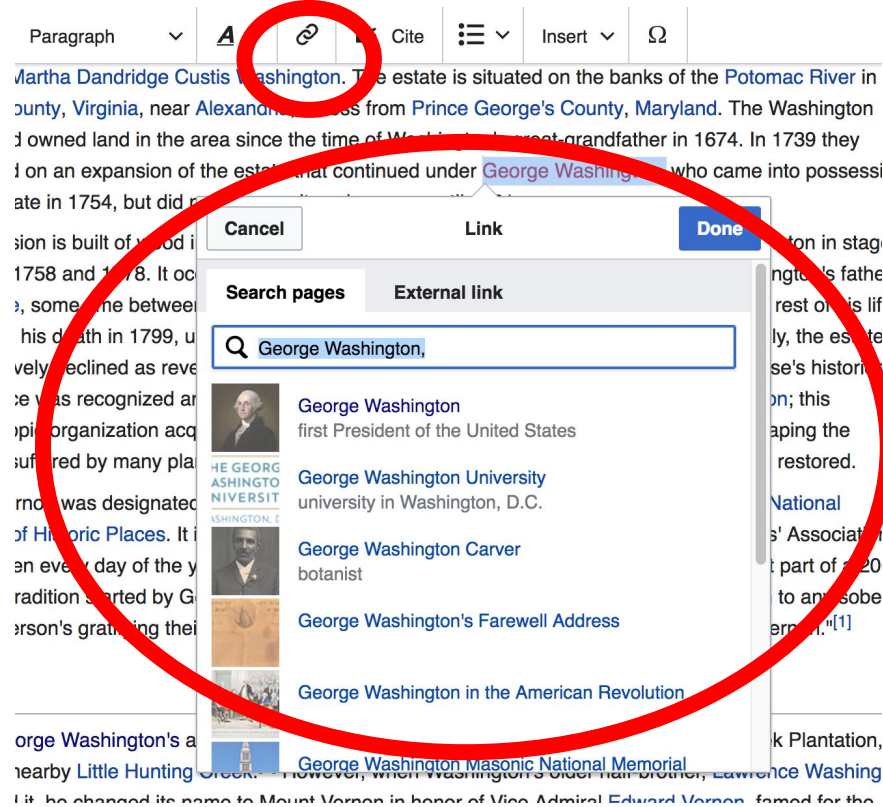
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1. Place cursor in desired location, select 'Cite'
2. Follow prompts

Create links between articles

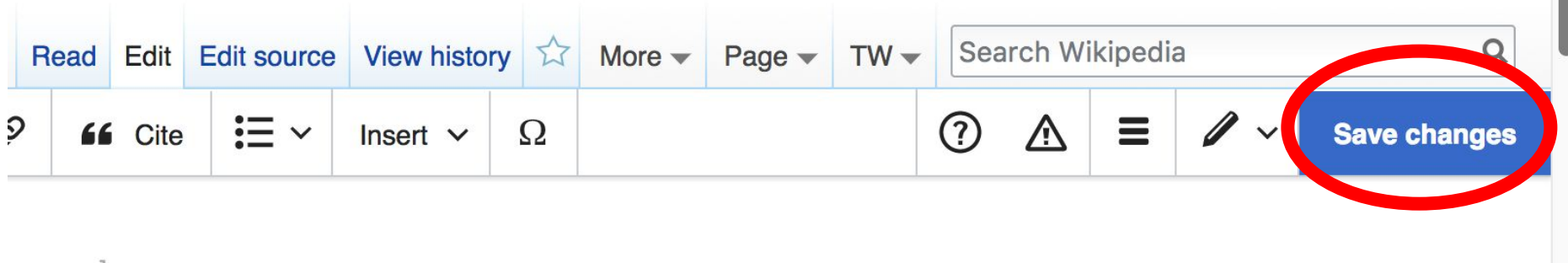
1. Select text
2. Select link icon
3. Select article and 'Done'



The screenshot shows a text editor interface with a toolbar at the top. The toolbar includes options for Paragraph, Bold (A), Link (chain icon), Cite, List (three horizontal lines), Insert, and Omega (Ω). The link icon is circled in red. Below the toolbar, a paragraph of text is visible, with the words "George Washington" highlighted. A "Link" dialog box is open, showing a search for "George Washington" and a list of search results. The dialog box has "Cancel" and "Done" buttons. The search results include:

- George Washington (first President of the United States)
- George Washington University (university in Washington, D.C.)
- George Washington Carver (botanist)
- George Washington's Farewell Address
- George Washington in the American Revolution
- George Washington Masonic National Memorial

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...

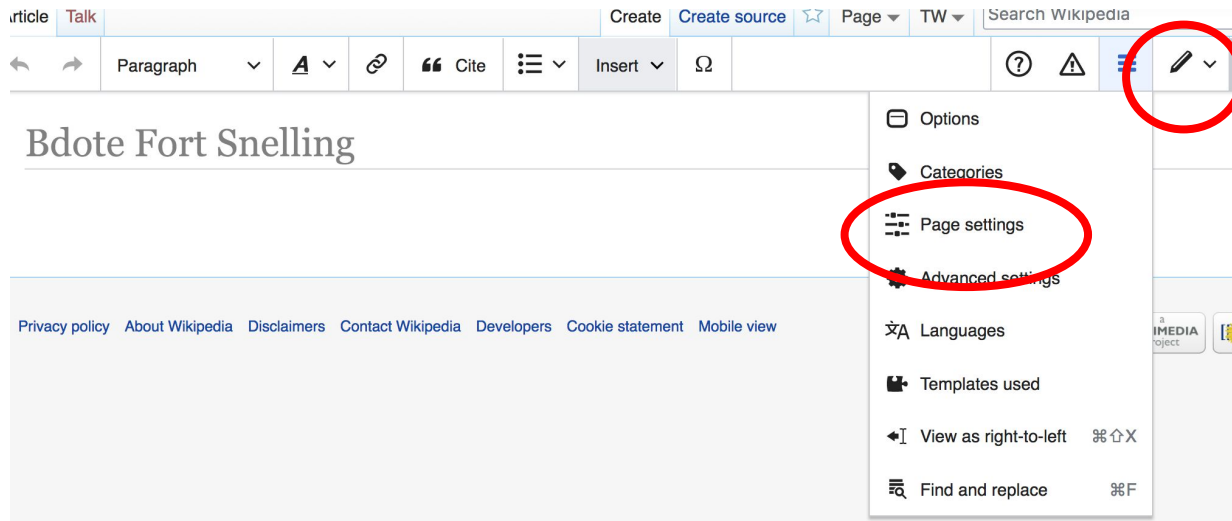
Adding Categories

Categories (+⁺): Mount Vernon (-) (±) | Archaeological sites in Virginia (-) (±) | Farm museums in Virginia (-) (±) | George Washington (-) (±)
| Georgian architecture in Virginia (-) (±) | Historic American Buildings Survey in Virginia (-) (±) | Historic house museums in Virginia (-) (±)
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| Museums in Fairfax County, Virginia (-) (±) | National Historic Landmarks in Virginia (-) (±)
| National Register of Historic Places in Fairfax County, Virginia (-) (±) | Plantation houses in Virginia (-) (±) | Plantations in Virginia (-) (±)
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| Washington family residences (-) (±) | 1757 establishments in the Thirteen Colonies (-) (±) | (+)

1. Select +
2. Type the category name into the field, i.e. **Historic...** Only existing categories will appear in the list of options. You may create new categories.
3. Select **'Apply Changes'**

Redirects

1. Identify the target article (Ex. Fort Snelling)
2. Create a new article. Name it the alias
'Bdote Fort Snelling'.
3. Select icon w/ three lines and Page settings.



Redirects cont.

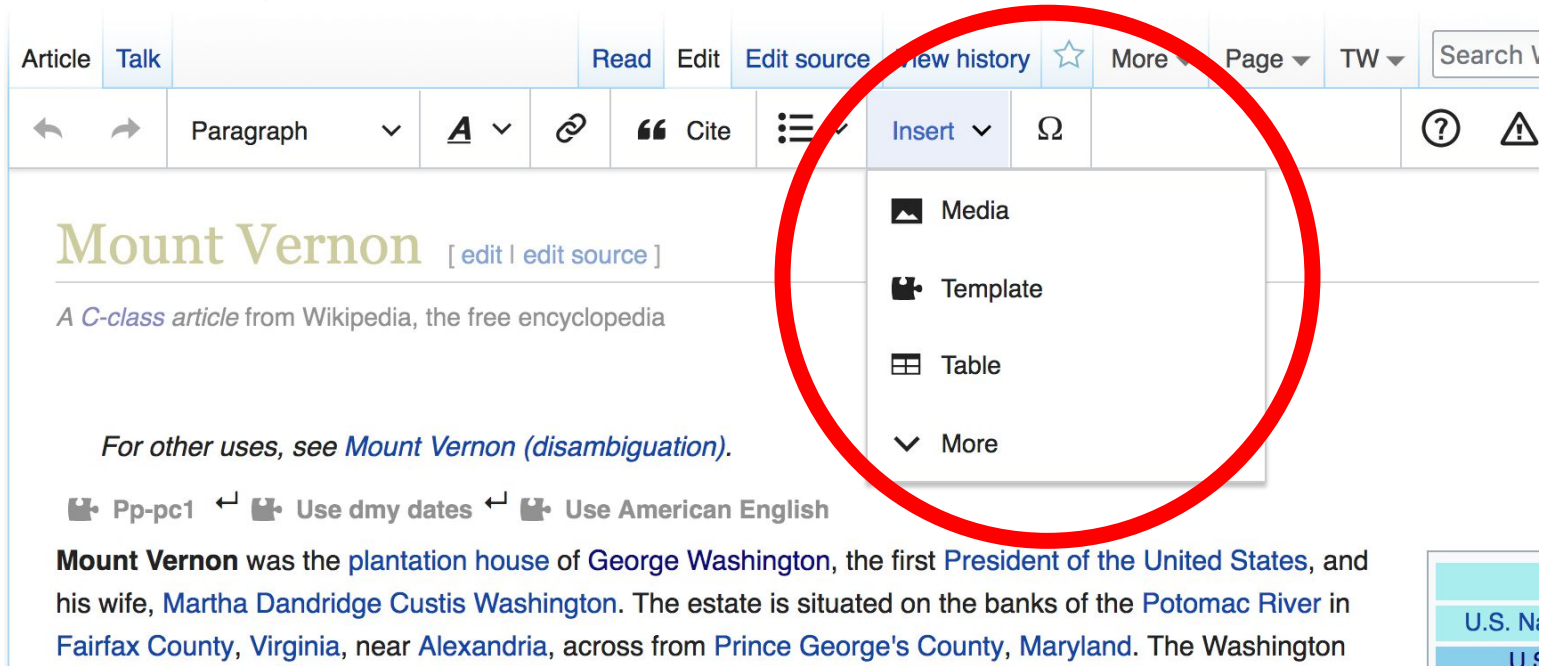
4. Select 'Redirect page to'

5. Enter name of the target article 'Bdote Fort Snelling'

6. Select Apply changes 7. Select 'Save changes (upper right)'

The screenshot shows the 'Page settings' dialog box in a wiki editor. The 'Page settings' tab is selected in the left sidebar. The 'Options' section is visible, with the 'Redirect this page to' checkbox checked. Below this, there is a text input field for the 'Target page for redirection'. Other options include 'Prevent this redirect from being updated when target page is moved.', 'Show the Table of Contents' (set to 'If needed'), and 'Disable the edit links next to each heading on this page.' The 'Apply changes' button in the top right corner is circled in red.

Adding Photos with Wikimedia Commons



The screenshot shows the Wikipedia article editor interface for the article "Mount Vernon". The "Insert" menu is open, and the "Media" option is highlighted with a red circle. The article text includes a heading "Mount Vernon", a class label "A C-class article from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia", a disambiguation note "For other uses, see Mount Vernon (disambiguation).", and a metadata line "Pp-pc1 Use dmy dates Use American English". The main text begins with "Mount Vernon was the plantation house of George Washington, the first President of the United States, and his wife, Martha Dandridge Custis Washington. The estate is situated on the banks of the Potomac River in Fairfax County, Virginia, near Alexandria, across from Prince George's County, Maryland. The Washington".

A selection of relevant photos will appear.
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Let's edit!