Edit-a-Thon for Democracy: Accountability for Lying to the Courts and Congress

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Today's Objectives and Goals

Attendees will:

- Learn how to edit existing Wikipedia articles and create new ones

With the goal of:

- Improving/creating the articles on today's work list

Event Management Tools

Event Management Tools: ==Links in Chat==

Wiki Event Page	Event Dashboard	Google Sheet
Wikimedia page that includes: ● links to Wikipedia policies, practices, tools ● today's article work list ● useful sources ● step-by-step editing instructions ● today's slide deck The page will remain live and accessible after the event.	● Allows editors to indicate edit-a-thon participation ● Tracks editing progress	Shared sheet used to: ● reserve articles ● help prevent cross-editing

Event Page

1. **Use link in chat or enter WP:111021 into the Wikipedia search bar**

2. **Bookmark this page**

Shortcut
WP:PD111021

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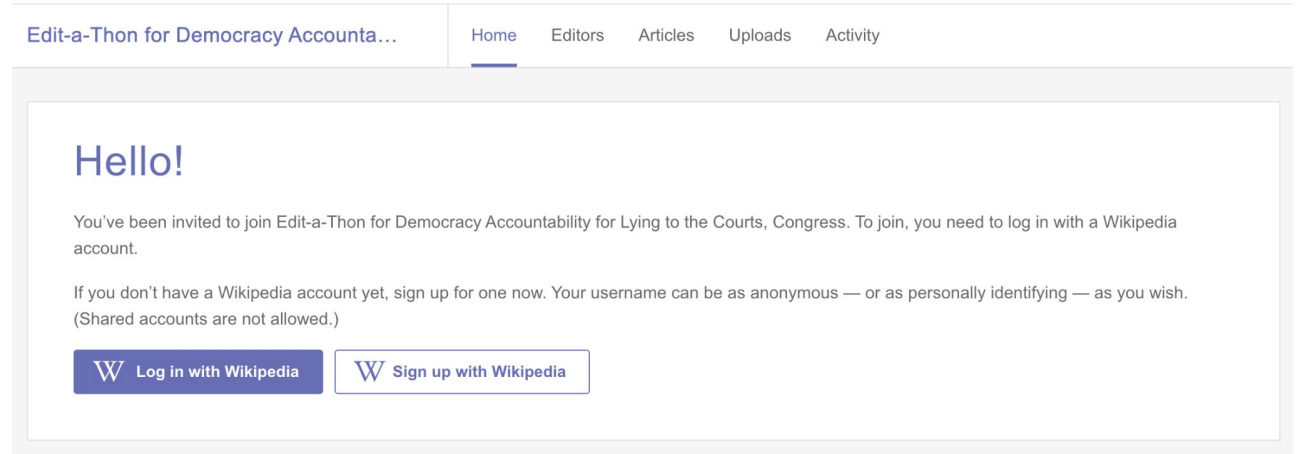
When

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Registration

Eventbrite⧉

Event Dashboard

Following these steps at the start of the event.
Step 1: Go to the DASHBOARD⧉
Step 2: Sign-i
Don't have a Wikipedia account? Select 'Sign up w/ Wikipedia'
Have an account? Select 'Log-in w/ Wikipedia'

Outreach Dashboard
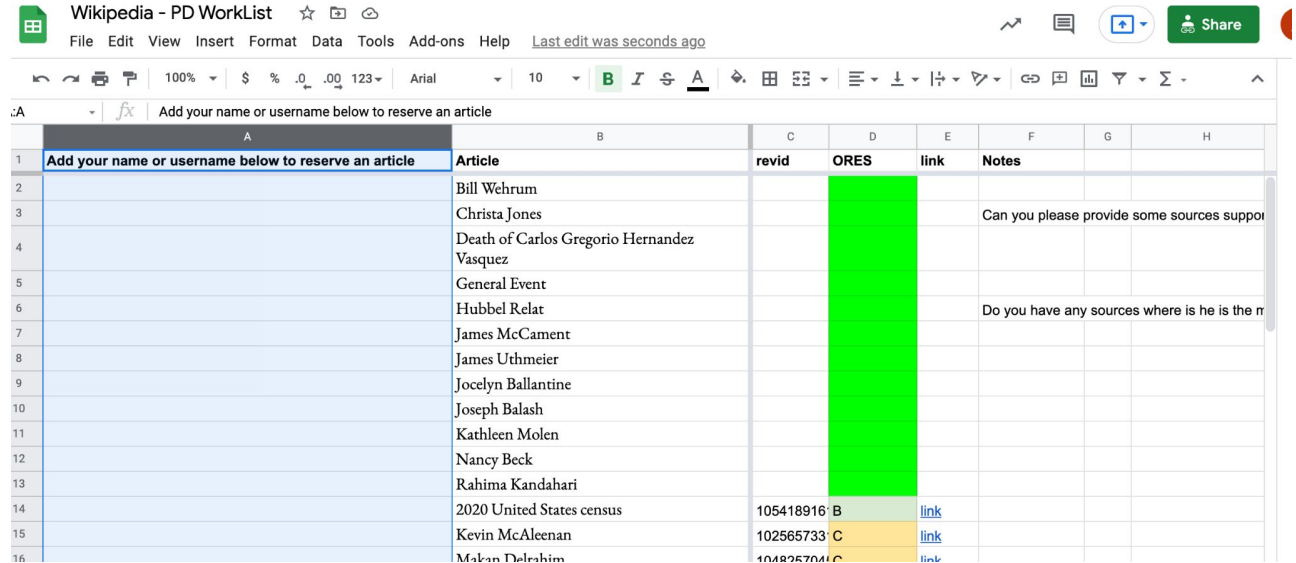
1. **Use link in chat**

2. **Existing editors select 'log in', new editors select 'sign up"**

Google Sheet

1. **Add username next to desired article**

2. **Create or edit article**

3. **Remove when done**

Wikipedia

What exactly is it, anyway???

Wikimedia, is the global community of contributors to Wikimedia Foundation projects. The movement was created around Wikipedia's community, and has since expanded to the other Wikimedia projects.

Wikimedia

- Wikipedia, a web-based encyclopedia
- Wiktionary, a dictionary
- Wikibooks, educational textbooks
- Wikinews, news articles
- Wikiquote, a collection of quotations
- Wikisource, a library of source texts and documents
- Wikiversity, educational material
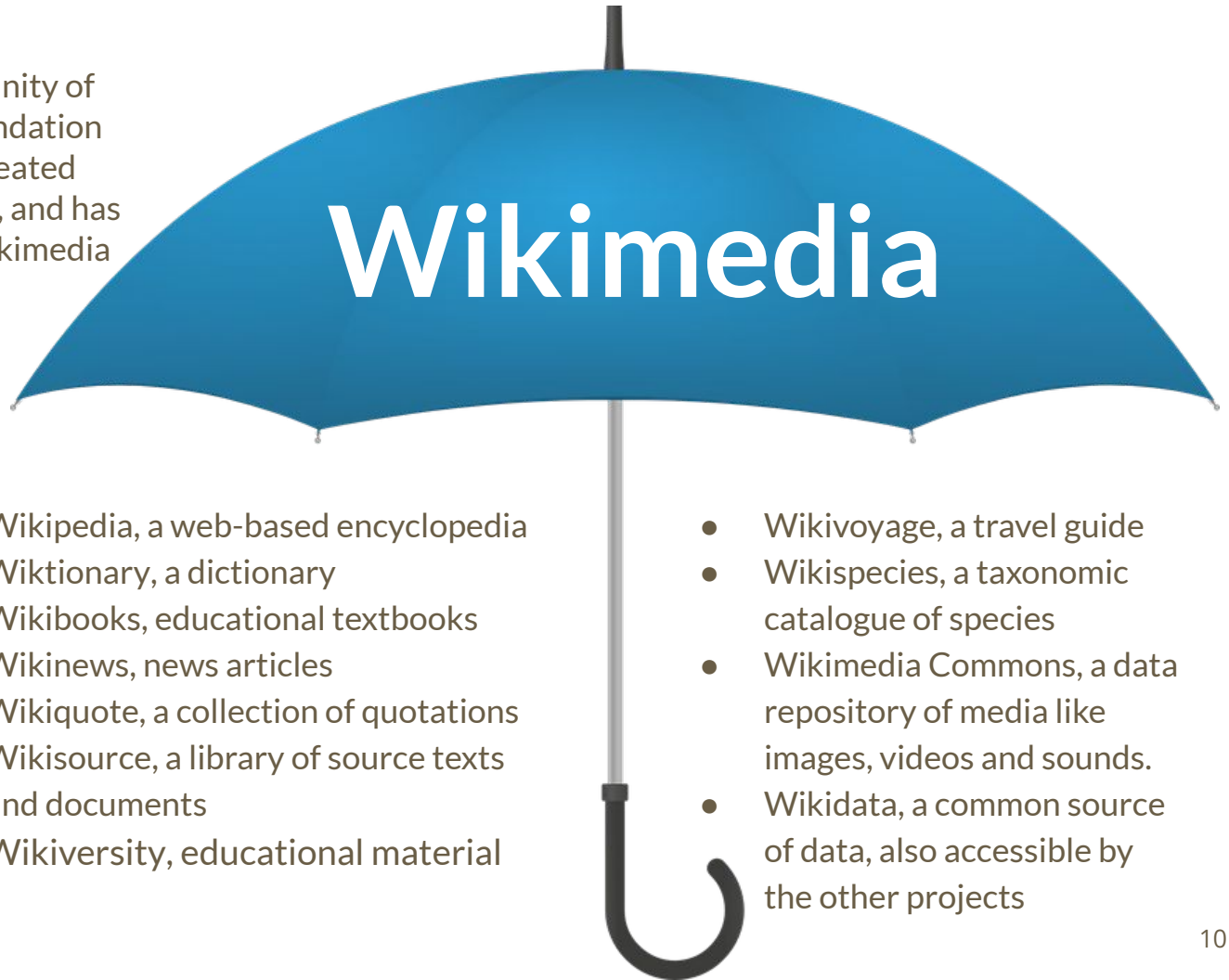
- Wikivoyage, a travel guide
- Wikispecies, a taxonomic catalogue of species
- Wikimedia Commons, a data repository of media like images, videos and sounds.
- Wikidata, a common source of data, also accessible by the other projects

What is Wikipedia?

Wikipedia is a multilingual, web-based, ==free encyclopedia based== on a model of ==openly editable content==. It is the largest and most popular general reference work on the Internet. [Wikipedia] is supported by the Wikimedia Foundation, a non-profit organization which operates on money it receives from donors.

From Wikipedia (en)

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

Free as in beer, Free as in freedom ... gratis et libre

Created and edited by volunteers

Overseen by nonprofit Wikimedia Foundation

All edits and versions recorded forever (revision history)

6+ million articles, 280+ languages

Free...

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Wikipedia Statistics

Total page views, October '21

- English Wikipedia: 9B
- All Wikipedias: 22B

5 million edits (En)

2 million edited pages (En)

Active editors (5 edits/month): 41K (En)

WIKIPEDIA
The Free Encyclopedia

Wikipedia Basics, Policies, and Oversight

Wiki

- 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: Five Pillars

- Wikipedia is an encyclopedia
- Wikipedia is written from a neutral point of view
- Wikipedia is free content that anyone can use, edit, and distribute
- Wikipedia's editors should treat each other with respect and civility
- Wikipedia has no firm rules

WP:Pillars

Wikipedia Policies

- **Neutral Point of View** - written so all sides can agree (WP:POV)
- **Notability** - significant independent sources -> importance (WP:N)
- **Verifiability** - Using reliable sources to reference information (WP:V)
- **No original research** - point to existing scholarship (WP: NOR)
- **Assume good faith** - start with congenial spirit (WP:GF)
- **Conflicts of interest** - disclose and abide by terms of service (WP:COI)

Wikipedia: Reliable sources

Articles should be based on reliable, published sources. If no reliable sources can be found on a topic, an article should not exist.

Reliable sources per WP guidelines	Unreliable sources per WP guidelines
• Published scholarship (print or online) • News organizations • Vendor and e-commerce sources (Can be used to verify awards won, album length, etc.) • Biased or opinionated sources (Only when trying to report the existence of one side of a topic, debate, etc.)	• Questionable sources. (Those with a poor reputation for checking the facts or with no editorial oversight) • Self-published sources including websites* • Primary sources* • Social media sites including Linkedin * These can be added to external links section, but should not be cited

WP:RS

Article Quality Assessment

All rated articles by quality and importance						
	Importance					
Quality	Top	High	Mid	Low	???	Total
⭐ FA	1,367	2,170	2,109	1,464	168	7,278
⭐ FL	160	598	661	602	104	2,125
Ⓐ A	286	599	749	484	88	2,206
⊕ GA	2,649	6,070	12,137	14,488	1,716	37,060
B	14,121	27,225	43,432	42,358	17,154	144,290
C	13,828	42,716	102,161	177,465	66,752	402,922
Start	18,396	86,562	367,500	1,169,090	373,528	2,015,076
Stub	4,467	32,387	274,144	2,417,103	869,038	3,597,139
List	4,030	14,528	44,236	138,119	76,071	276,984
Assessed	59,304	212,855	847,129	3,961,173	1,404,619	6,485,080
Unassessed	120	519	1,984	16,450	437,768	456,841
Total	59,424	213,374	849,113	3,977,623	1,842,387	6,941,921

WP:ASSESS

Challenges: Article Editing and Creation

Barriers to article creation include:

- Lack of access to editing training
- Fewer secondary sources due to limited coverage of women's accomplishments
- Absence of freely-licensed images

Solutions include:

- Increasing outreach to new editors through workshops and edit-a-thons
- Publishing verifiable information about women from all eras
- See Project Rewrite

Article Anatomy

Sample Article

Read | Edit | View history | Search Wikipedia

Kirstjen Nielsen

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Kirstjen Michele Nielsen (born May 14, 1972) is an American politician and attorney who served as United States secretary of homeland security from 2017 to 2019. She is a former principal White House deputy chief of staff to President Donald Trump and was chief of staff to John F. Kelly during his tenure as Secretary of Homeland Security.

Nielsen was confirmed as Secretary of Homeland Security on December 5, 2017. Nielsen is best known for implementing the Trump administration family separation policy. She resigned in April 2019.[1]

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Article talk page

Article Sections: Lead Paragraphs and infoboxes

View history   Search Wikipedia 🔍

Kirstjen Nielsen

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Lead paragraph/s:
Emboldened name, DOB,
notability statement/s

Main photo or
Infobox
placement

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Remainder is mostly chronological
See: WP:Manual of Style for guidance

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Article Sections: References

Early life and education [edit | edit source]

Kirstjen Michele Nielsen was born on May 14, 1972, in Colorado Springs, Colorado, to Phyllis Michele Nielsen and James McHenry Nielsen, both United States Army physicians. Nielsen's father is of Danish ancestry while her mother is of Italian descent.[2] The oldest of three children, Nielsen has a sister, Ashley, and a brother, Fletcher. Following Nielsen's birth, the family relocated from Colorado Springs to Clearwater, Florida.[3]

Following high school, Nielsen attended the Georgetown School of Foreign Service, graduating with a Bachelor of Science

References [edit | edit source]

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50. ^ "Was the 'Law to Separate Families' past in 1997 or 'by Democrats?'". Snopes Fact Check. Archived from the original on June 19, 2018. Retrieved April 7, 2019.

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52. ^ Kopan, Tal (May 15, 2018). "DHS secretary defends separating families at the border". CNN. Archived from the original on November 14, 2020. Retrieved June 16, 2018.

53. ^ a b Lockie, Alex (June 18, 2018). "Conclusive proof that it is Trump's policy to

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Additional Sections

External links [edit | edit source]

- Homeland Security biography
- Appearances on C-SPAN

Wikimedia Commons has media related to *Kirstjen Nielsen*.

Political offices		
Preceded by **John F. Kelly**	**United States Secretary of Homeland Security** 2017–2019	Succeeded by **Alejandro Mayorkas**

V · T · E	**United States Secretaries of Homeland Security**	[show]
V · T · E	**Cabinet** of **President Donald Trump** (2017–2021)	[show]
	Authority control ✎	[show]

Categories (+⁺): 1972 births (–) (±) │ Living people (–) (±) │ 20th-century American lawyers (–) (±) │ 21st-century American lawyers (–) (±) │ American people of Danish descent (–) (±) │ American people of Italian descent (–) (±) │ Colorado lawyers (–) (±) │ Female interior ministers (–) (±) │ Florida lawyers (–) (±) │ Georgetown University alumni (–) (±) │ People from Clearwater, Florida (–) (±) │ Politicians from Colorado Springs, Colorado (–) (±) │ Trump administration cabinet members (–) (±) │ United States Secretaries of Homeland Security (–) (±) │ University of Virginia School of Law alumni (–) (±) │ White House Deputy Chiefs of Staff (–) (±) │ Women members of the Cabinet of the United States (–) (±) │ 21st-century American women (–) (±) │ (+)

Logging in to Wikipedia

Logging in to English Wikipedia

User Page

User Page

- **All users/editors are assigned a user page**

- **Access user page by selecting your username (top right)**

User Page

- **Select create (new users) or edit (for experienced users) to share information, interests, etc.**

- **Use is optional unless editing as part of official duties**

Talk Page

- **Receive messages**
- **Communicate with other users**

Preparing To Edit:
Setting editing preferences

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Wikipedia Editing Tools

VisualEditor 'Edit' button	Source Editor 'Edit source' button
VisualEditor is a "visual" way of editing Wikipedia that does not require editors to learn wiki markup. Until Visual Editor, editors had to learn wiki markup to make most edits. VisualEditor works like a word processor. While is simpler to use, the Source Editor can be more effective for some tasks.	Source editor uses Wikitext, also known as Wiki markup or Wikicode, which consists of the syntax and keywords used by the MediaWiki software to format a page.

Set Editing Preferences: Activate Visual Editor

1. **Open the Wiki event page or any Wikipedia article**

2. **Select 'Preferences' (Top right)**

Set Editing Preferences:

3. Select the 'Editing' tab

Preferences

For information about the settings on this page, see Help:Preferences.

User profile | Appearance | Editing | Recent changes | Watchlist | Search | Gadgets | Beta features | Notifications

Basic information
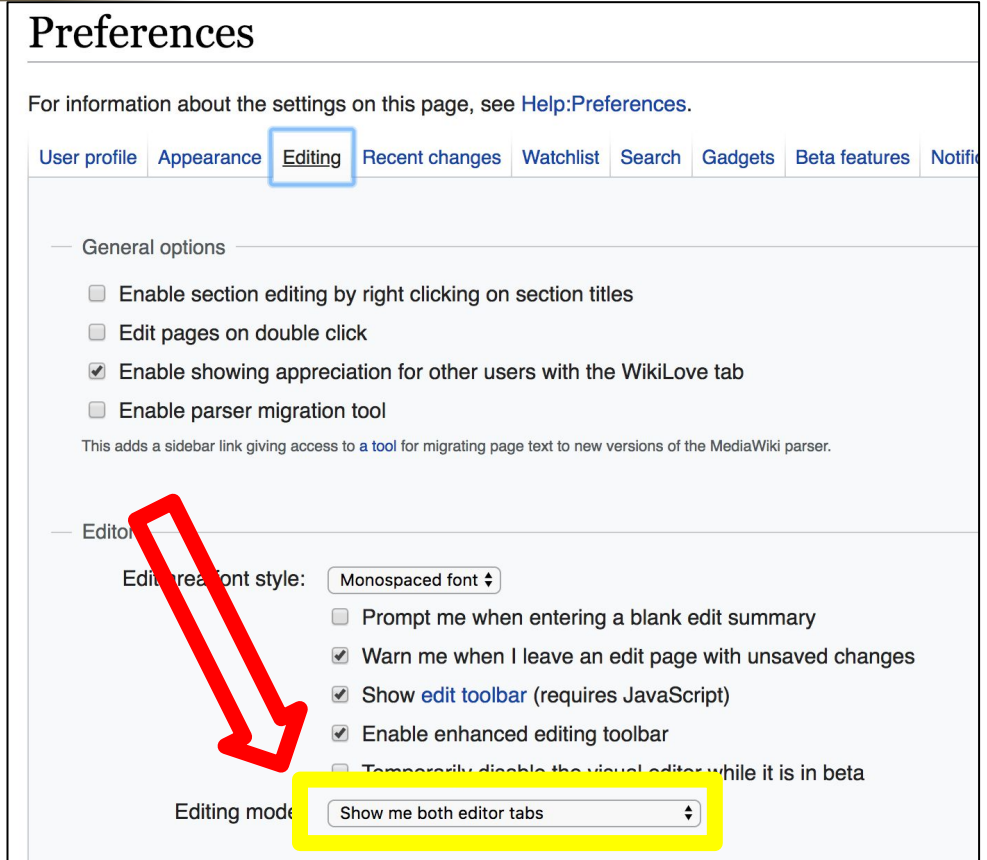
Username: Ariel Cetrone (WMDC)

Member of groups: Autoconfirmed users, Extended confirmed users, Users

Connected apps: Manage 3 connected applications

Set Editing Preferences: Activate Visual Editor

4. Scroll down to 'Editor'

5. Select 'Show me Both Editor Tabs' from the 'Editing Mode' dropdown menu

6. Save (bottom left)

Preferences

For information about the settings on this page, see Help:Preferences.

User profile   Appearance   Editing   Recent changes   Watchlist   Search   Gadgets   Beta features   Notifi

General options

☐ Enable section editing by right clicking on section titles
☐ Edit pages on double click
☑ Enable showing appreciation for other users with the WikiLove tab
☐ Enable parser migration tool
This adds a sidebar link giving access to a tool for migrating page text to new versions of the MediaWiki parser.

Editor

Edit area font style: [Monospaced font ⇕]
☐ Prompt me when entering a blank edit summary
☑ Warn me when I leave an edit page with unsaved changes
☑ Show edit toolbar (requires JavaScript)
☑ Enable enhanced editing toolbar
☐ Temporarily disable the visual editor while it is in beta

Editing mode   [Show me both editor tabs ⇕]

Editing Existing Articles

Editing with Visual Editor

1. Open a Wikipedia article
2. Select 'Edit'
3. Add and remove text as you would in a word processor

Unsure if you are in Visual Editor? Are you not seeing the 'Edit' button?
Select 'Edit Source', select the Pencil (red), select 'Visual editing'

Formatting buttons

Edit buttons
Edit = Visual Editor, Edit Source = Code

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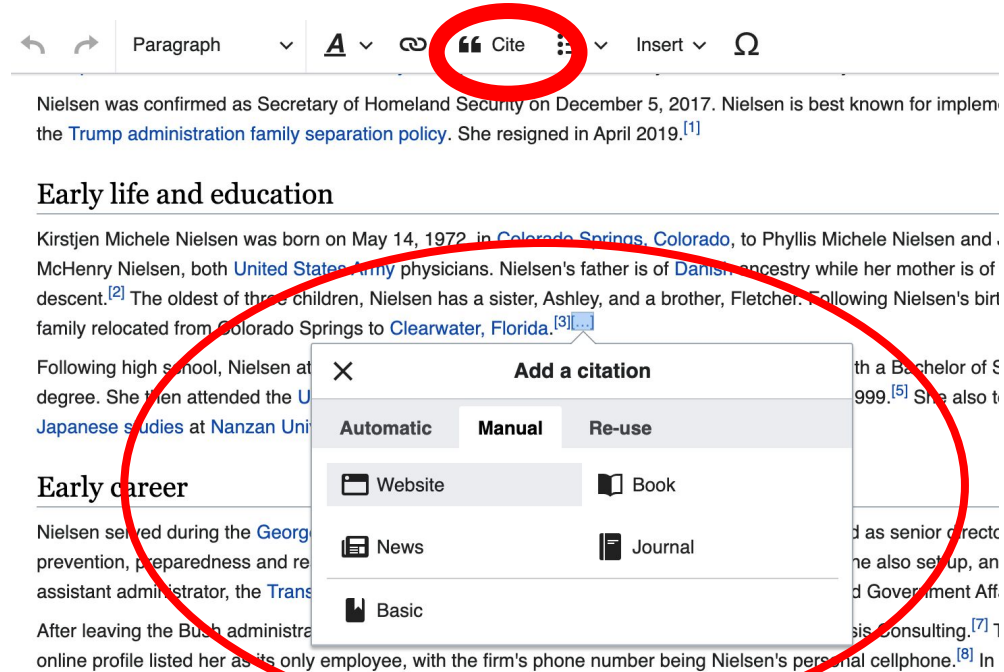
Citing Your Sources

1. **Place cursor in desired location**

2. **Select 'Cite'**

3. **Select 'Automatic' (for URLs, etc.), 'Manual' (to customize fields), or 'Reuse' (to cite a source that has already been used)**

Adding Sections

Early career

Nielsen served during the George W. Bush administration as special assistant to the president and as senior director for prevention, preparedness and response (PPR) at the White House Homeland Security Council. She also set up, and led as assistant administrator, the Transportation Security Administration's Office of Legislative Policy and Government Affairs.

After leaving the Bush administration in 2008, Nielsen became the founder and president of Sunesis Consulting.[6] The firm's online profile listed her as its only employee, with the firm's phone number being Nielsen's personal cellphone.[7] In September 2013 the company won a federal contract, with an initial award of about $450,000, to "provide policy and legislation, technical writing, and organizational development" to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.[8]

Nielsen was a senior member of the Resilience Task Force of the Center for Cyber & Homeland Security Committee at George Washington University and served on the Global Risks Report Advisory Board of the World Economic Forum.[4]

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Adding Sections with Headings

1. **Place cursor**

2. **Select 'Paragraph'**

3. **Select 'Heading'**

4. **Add heading text**

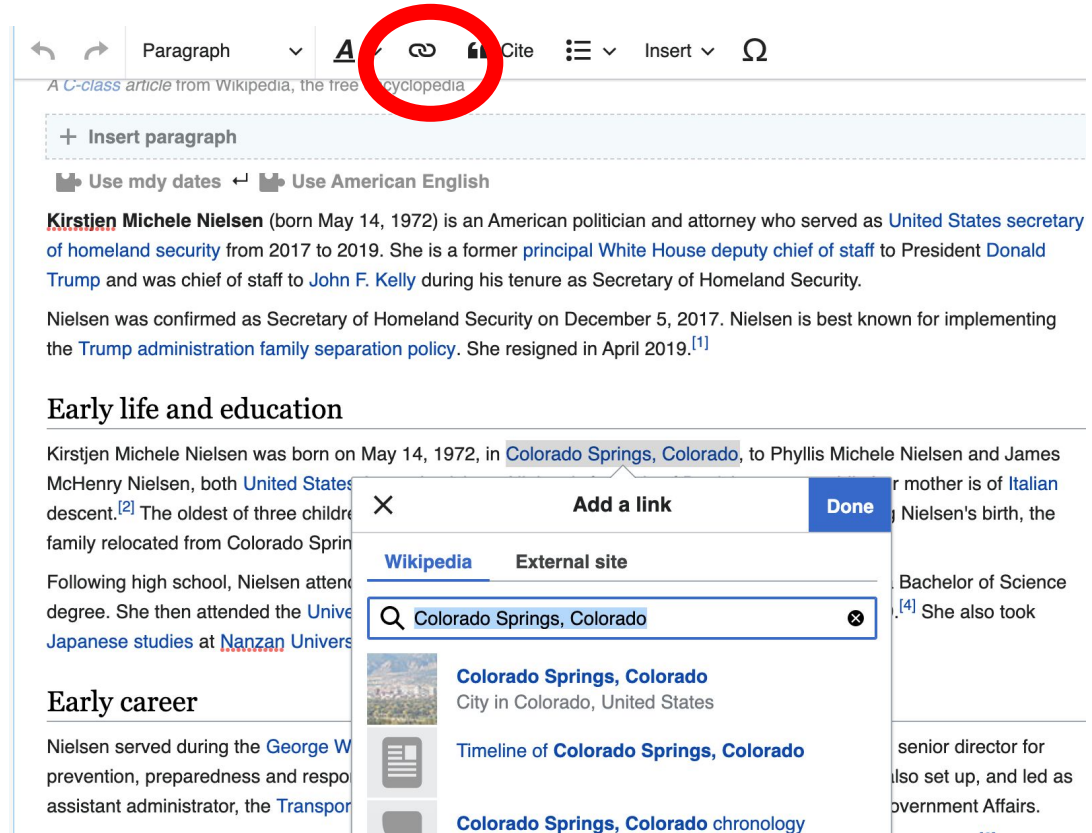5. **Select enter/return to continue with regular font**

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Creating Links Between Wikipedia Articles

1. **Select text**

2. **Select link icon**

3. **Select article and 'Done'**

*When adding an external link in an external links section, enter the title of what you are adding, highlight the text, select the link icon, paste a URL, and select 'Done'.
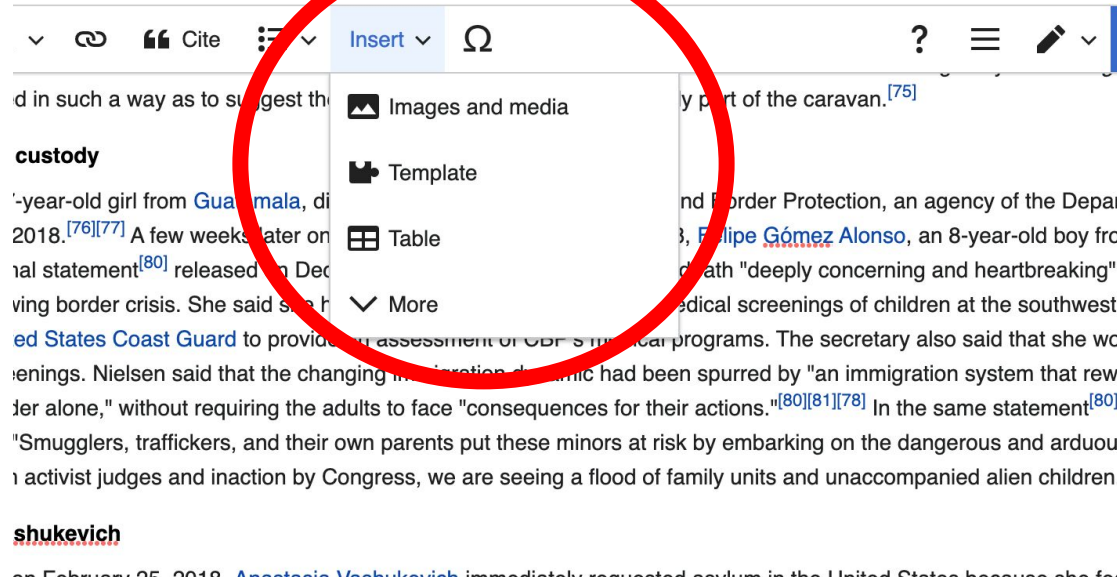
Adding Photos with Wikimedia Commons

1. **Place cursor in desired location (left or right)**

2. **Select: 'Insert' + Media'**

Adding Photos with Wikimedia Commons

3.   Enter search term*

4.   Select photo + 'Use this image'
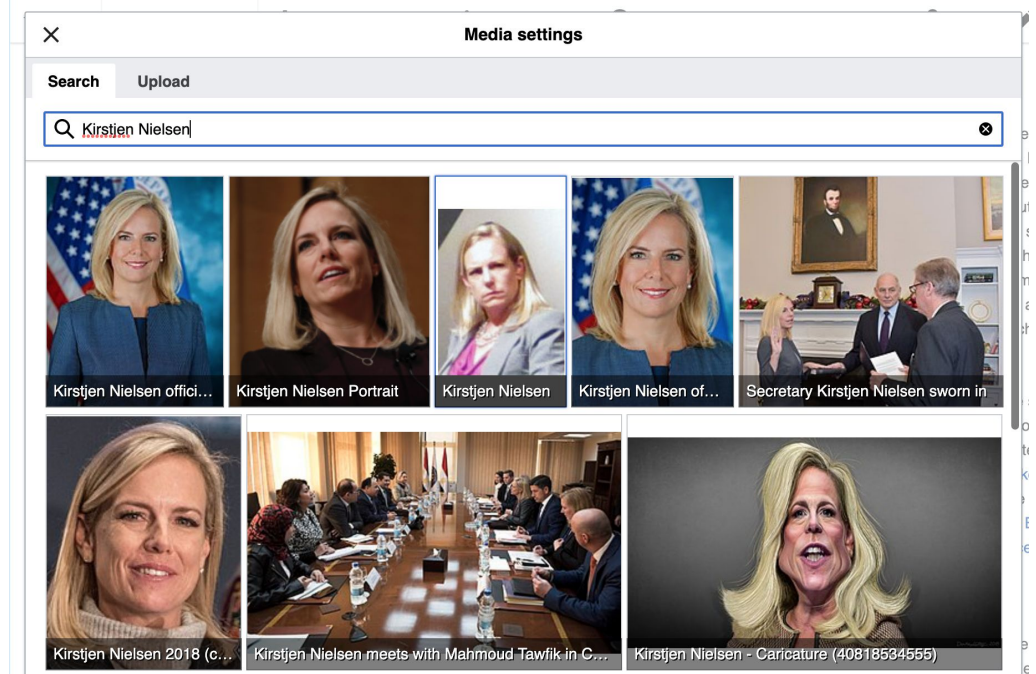
Adding Photos with Wikimedia Commons
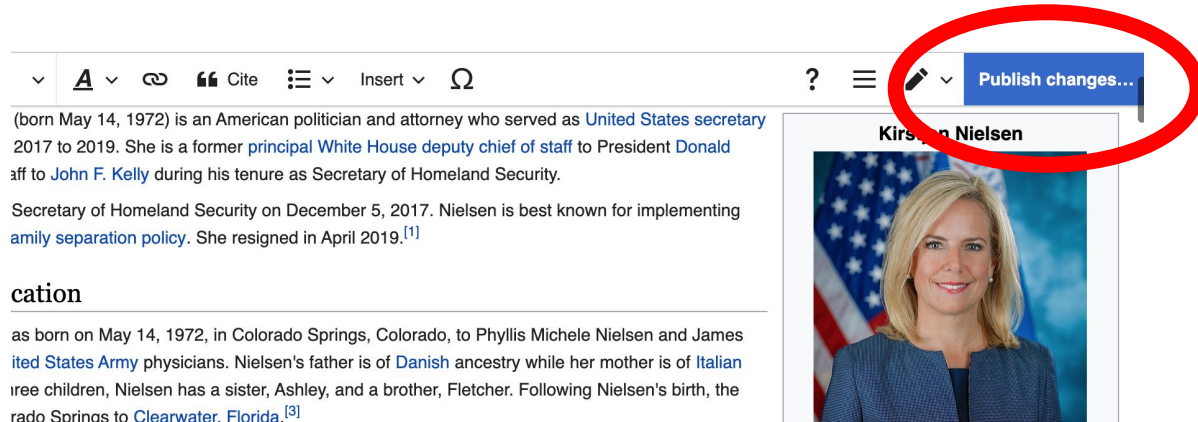
5. Caption your image and add alternative text

6. Select 'Insert'
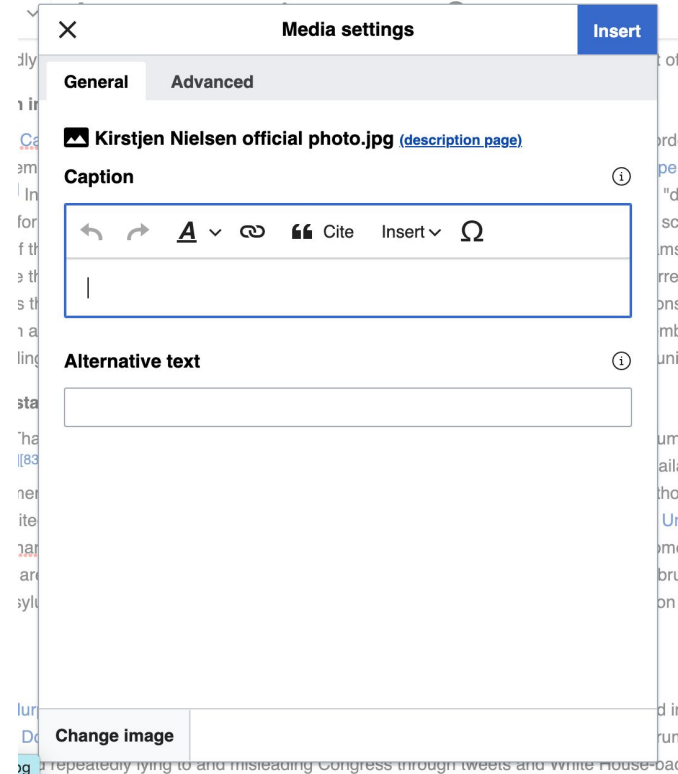
Publish changes

1. **Select 'Publish changes'**
2. **Add brief not in 'Edit Summary' field**
3. **Select 'Publish changes' once more**

To quickly abandon changes made to an article, select 'Read' (next to Edit/Edit Source) and your edits will not be saved.

Creating
New Articles

Creating Articles

1. Reserve the article using the Google sheet

2. Select your article red link from the event page to start a draft

3. Select 'Create' (top right)

4. Explore secondary sources (links)

5. Begin writing, add citations, hyperlinks, etc. Be sure to include section with 'references' header

6. Publish

*Don't hesitate to publish a 'stub' or short article, even if it only consists of a lead paragraph and references section

Creating Articles

To create articles when not participating in an editing event:

-type the article's name into the Wikipedia search bar.
-When no result is produced, select the red link next to 'You may create this page'.

To start a draft:
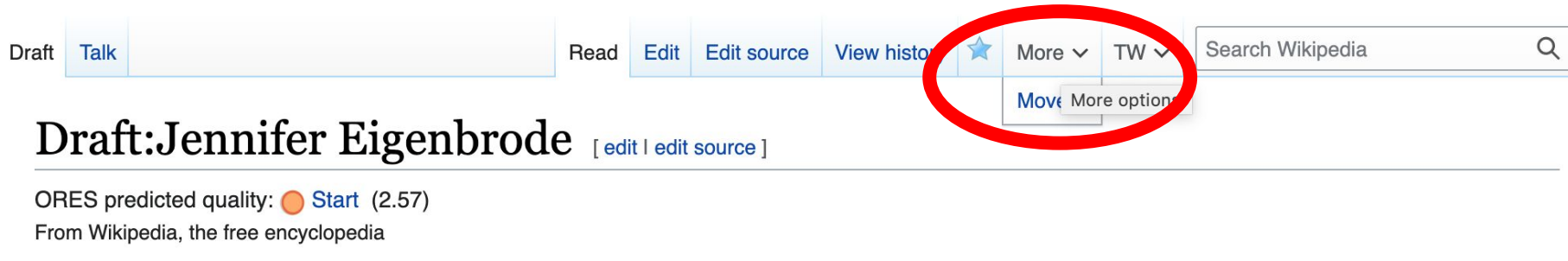
-type the 'Draft:' and the article's name into the Wikipedia search bar.
-When no result is produced, select the red link next to 'You may create this page'.

To write an article in Sandbox

-Login, select Sandbox
-When done, move the page to Wikipedia main space

Moving Draft or Sandbox Articles

1. **Go to article**
2. **Select 'More' then 'Move'**

Moving Draft Articles

3. Open 'New title' drop down menu and select (Article) then 'Move page'

Move page

New title:

| (Article)   ⌄ | Jennifer Eigenbrode |

Reason:

☑ Move associated talk page

☑ Watch source page and target page

Move page

Uploading Photos or Files to Wikicommons
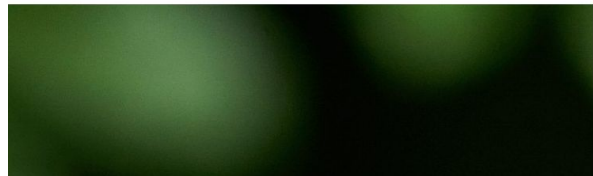
Adding Images or Files

1. **Go to commons.wikimedia.org**
2. **Select 'Upload'**

Adding Images or Files

3. Select media files to share

Adding Images or Files

4. Select 'Continue'

Adding Images or Files

5. Select Address Copyright

Adding Images or Files

5a. Release the rights if it is your own work

Adding Images or Files

5b. If not your own work, name the source and select the appropriate Creative Commons license or another reason why it is license-free or in the public domain (Pre-1926, published for the US government, etc.)
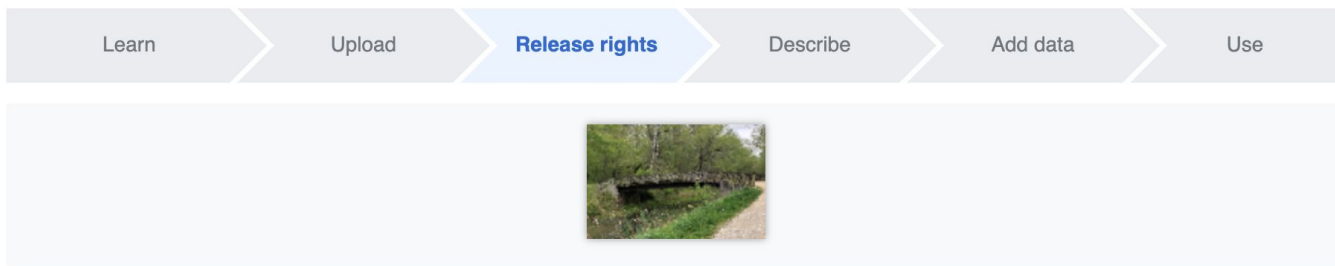
This site requires you to provide copyright information for this work, to make sure everyone can legally reuse it.

○ This file is my own work.
● This file is not my own work.

Source

Where this digital file came from — could be a URL, or a book or publication.

Author(s)

The name of the person who took the photo, or painted the picture, drew the drawing, etc.

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○ Creative Commons Attribution ShareAlike 3.0 (legal code) ⓘ ⓢ

Adding Images or Files

6. Describe the image

Adding Images or Files

**7. Add metadata (optional),
i.e. Depicts Footbridge**

8. Publish

Angler's Footbridge C&O Canal Potomac, Maryland

Angler's_Footbridge_C&O_Canal_Potomac,_Maryland.jpg

Items portrayed in this file

depicts

🔍 Search to add items   from Wikidata   •••

Moving Draft Articles

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Move page

New title:

| (Article) ⌄ | Jennifer Eigenbrode |

Reason:

☑ Move associated talk page

☑ Watch source page and target page

Move page