

Wikidocumentaries

A wiki for small history

Wikidocumentaries lets citizen historians navigate Wikimedia content through Wikidata items and research, refine and remix with documents from galleries, libraries, archives and museums.

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Pulling together content



Wikidocumentaries creates a page for each Wikidata item. The page combines material from Wikimedia projects and adds linked information, images, newspaper clippings, maps and publications based on API calls and federated SPARQL queries from places like Europeana, Finna, Flickr. More sources and content types can be added.

Your view



Users can add topics if they do not find them in Wikidata. For Wikidocumentaries everyone is notable and differing views are allowed. Wikidocumentaries stores its own data in a Wikibase, and intertwines that with Wikidata. It will be one node in the network of federated Wikibases when the technology matures.

Enriching open projects



Discovered images are saved into Wikimedia Commons along with their polished metadata. Data additions pulled from other institutions are validated by the users and added to Wikidata. Finding the right workflow to include images from the users and managing consent to publishing images of living people are important next steps.

Crowdsourcing everything



Wikidocumentaries is a maker space with open source tools to work with the materials. Participants identify and classify, locate, date and transcribe, put the pieces in context and order. Work is done reciprocally, by giving and getting between the citizen researchers, the GLAMs providing material and the open platforms storing it.

Remixing and storytelling



Wikidocumentaries can tell stories dynamically, for example in automated timelines or Twitter feeds, or you can use the material to remix your own stories. As tools are added, you can create story maps, narrated slideshows or perhaps collectively performed songs. Anyone can add new tools in the collaborative project.

Content communities



The work is done together. Get involved!

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