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   - WP:BASIC states: People are presumed **notable** if they have received significant coverage in **multiple published secondary sources** that are **reliable**, **intellectually independent** of each other, and **independent of the subject**.
   - Wikidata:Notability states: An item is acceptable if and only if it fulfills at least one of these two goals; that is, **if it meets at least one of the three criteria below**:
     1. It contains **at least one valid sitelink** to a page on Wikipedia, Wikivoyage, Wikisource, Wikiquote, Wikinews, Wikibooks, Wikidata, Wikispecies, Wikiversity, or Wikimedia Commons.
     2. It refers to an instance of a **clearly identifiable conceptual or material entity** that can be described using **serious and publicly available references**.
        See :Wikidata:WikiProject Biographical Identifiers and also :Wikidata:List_of_properties/Summary_table#Person.
     3. It fulfills a **structural need**, for example: it is needed to make statements made in other items more useful.

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    - URLs and DOIs can be entered as references just by themselves, although adding a retrieval date and perhaps the language can be helpful.

    - Book and journal citations also can be used as references, but more fields are advisable.

    - Citations are required for most item property/values to display in the {{Infobox person/Wikidata}} template.

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3. Whatever property / value pairs that are present for a Wikidata item have the potential to be displayed in different language Wikipedias and sister projects. Examples:

   - Ella Robinson Merchant (Q106397060): Difference between revisions
   - Nicholas Christofilos (Q382535): Difference between revisions
   - László Péter (Q6710743): Difference between revisions
     See also László_Péter&oldid=1084609436 and
     László_Péter&oldid=1160299486

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4. You may decide that the subject is not notable enough for a Wikipedia article or that you do not want to create it for now.

   • Example: Wikidata Pages Created by Peaceray

   • {{ill|<Article title>|WD=<Wikidata item code>|short=y}}
     Example: *diff of* List_of_Guggenheim_Fellowships_awarded_in_1941