

Non-wiki Activities: The approach to motivation to edit Wikipedia

Motivating students to edit Wikipedia by non-wiki activities

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Motivating students to edit Wikipedia

EVEN WHEN WE ARE NOT GIVING THEM ASSIGNMENTS

- Forcing students to edit Wikipedia can be harmful.
- Following right methodologies can help in building interest in the mind of a student.



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Non-Wiki Activities?

A lot of activities other than editing may qualify for non-wiki activities. In case of students, they may be:

- Playing Soccer
- Cultural activities like dancing, singing for annual days
- Preparing for annual sports day, science exhibitions etc.
- Indoor games etc.



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Using non-wiki activities to motivate students

- They become long-term editors.
- They edit on their own will.
- They turn into free knowledge activists.



An example scenario

- Encourage them to do their daily school-life extra-curricular activities.
- Ask one of the students to photograph them.



An example scenario (contd.)

- **Arrange a collaborative session and show the students how to upload picture on Commons.**
- **Also, show them how can they link this image to their school wiki page.**



Learnings?

- **Students learn to use Commons.**
- **Students learn to use Commons images on Wikipedia.**
- **Learning about CC licenses and their importance.**



Okay. Where's the motivation?

- **Non-trivial ways to teaching motivates student to learn.**
- **Contributing while *not contributing*.**
- **No more burden, but a tool to explore.**

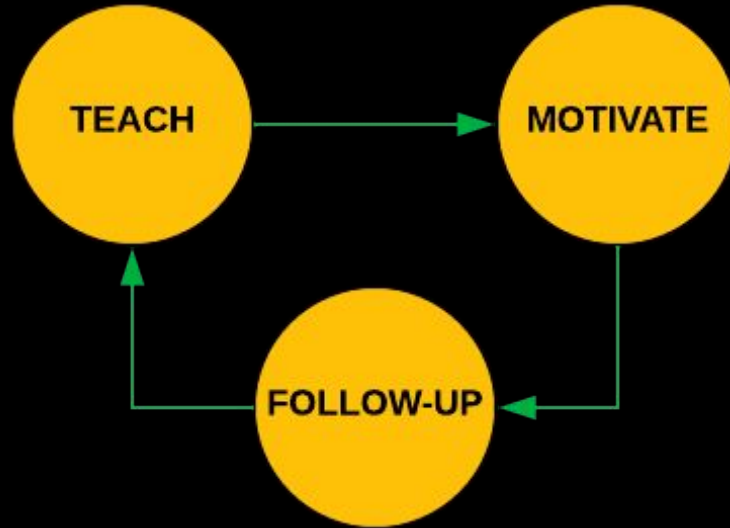



Outcomes

- They edit Wikipedia in their free time.
- They edit, upload media during summer trips and vacations.
- They research about the place on Wikipedia and add useful content.



So, it goes down to three steps:





**You have a batch of
highly motivated
students willing to
contribute to Wikipedia**



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Only for students? Broadening the idea for every individual

Finding the right non-wiki motivation!



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