Essay 3
We, the Wikipedians

Due: April 28
Peer Review: April 23
Post-Publication Review (live on *Wikipedia*): April 30

Assignment

For your third essay, you will be working in a group to introduce your research from Essay 2 in a public arena. Specifically, I ask that you revise, rewrite, and submit your essay as an article for *Wikipedia* or for *Citizendium*. In addition, you will each write a 2-page reflective essay discussing the rhetorical implications of rewriting your research for this new venue. What changes did you make as you wrote for a new audience? Did your purpose in writing change? How did your rhetorical situation affect your presentation of your ethos?

Performing this task will require that you have a solid understanding of the conventions, guidelines, and objectives of *Wikipedia*. Please review the provided *Wikipedia* articles as you begin to review these requirements. As a class, we will develop an evaluative rubric that determines your article's readiness for publication. Together, this rubric and my evaluation of your reflective essay will constitute your grade for Essay 3.

A cornerstone of *Wikipedia*'s editorial policy is that all "articles and other encyclopedic content must be written from a neutral point of view (NPOV), representing fairly, and as far as possible without bias, all significant views that have been published by reliable sources" ("NPOV"). It should be your goal to work within this integral policy as you revise your work for publication. In addition, you should strive to meet *Wikipedia*'s other editorial policies, including verifiability, reliability, and respecting intellectual/copyright ownership dictates.

Your final exam will be to present your Wikipedia article at the Writing Program Showcase in May.

Learning and Writing Objectives:
- To prepare a reliable, verifiable, and neutral discussion of your chosen topic
- To reflect a solid understanding of *Wikipedia's* conventions and requirements for publication
- To add to the public knowledge of your chosen topic
- To work collaboratively to develop a high-quality researched document
- To demonstrate a strong awareness of your rhetorical situation through your authorial choices

Getting Started: The Conventions of *Wikipedia*

"About Wikipedia" http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:About#Contributing_to_Wikipedia
"About Citizendium" http://en.citizendium.org/wiki/CZ:About
"Academic Use" http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Academic_use
"Citizendium Fundamental Policies" http://en.citizendium.org/wiki/CZ:Fundamentals
"CZ Content Policy" http://en.citizendium.org/wiki/CZ:Content_Policy
"Guidelines for Controversial Articles"
        http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Guidelines_for_controversial_articles
"Neutral Point of View" http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia_talk:Neutral_point_of_view
"Notability Guidelines" http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Your_first_article
 "Wikipedia Naming Conventions"
        http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Naming_conventions_(common_names)
"WikiProject: Missing Encyclopedic Articles"
        http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:WikiProject_Missing_encyclopedic_articles
"Words to Avoid" http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Words_to_avoid
"Your First Article" http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Your_first_article