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Please write down: tinyurl.com/cooksite
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Start Discussions

• What is an academically appropriate way to use Wikipedia?

• Read Chronicle article: tinyurl.com/cooksit20
  Why does Jimmy Wales say don’t use Wikipedia?
  – “For God’s sake, you’re in college; don’t cite the encyclopedia.”

• Is it worse to add false information or delete true information?
Practice Evaluation

• Judge an article based on CRAAP test (publisher, author, date, etc).

• Examine the history page. Identify the best author. Who’s the worst? What are their qualifications? How did you know?
  – Who has made a lot of changes recently? What did they change?
  – Who wrote the fact you are citing? Can you even tell?

Bonus trick: Search Google for Jew
Information Cycle/
Types of Sources

• Example: tinyurl.com/cooksit10
• Examine the references list.
• Build a timeline. When was the first newspaper, magazine, study or report, book, etc?
  – Works best when you pick a topic/event with clear starting point and ongoing interest
• What types of sources are best for what types of topics? Why?
Demonstrate Info Lit Concepts

- Citation styles:
  - When do they cite things on wikipedia? Why do they cite them?
  - What are the rules for citing things? Why do they have rules?

- Plagiarism & Ethics:
  - Nickelback example – tinyurl.com/cooksite8
    - Be careful: 0-:23, 2:17-2:24, 4:24-4:38
  - Wikiscanner: tinyurl.com/cooksite21 tinyurl.com/cooksite22
    - Corporations Government
  - Maurice Jarre example – tinyurl.com/cooksite9
Develop keywords

- Copy and paste the text of a wikipedia article into Wordle.net
- Give 10 biggest words in the cloud (NOT in the title)
- Give 1 word you were surprised to see
  - Now find that word in the article. Why was it there?
Contribute to wikipedia

- Wikipedia: United States Education Program
  - Tinyurl.com/cooksite23
  - Ready built customizable tutorials, handouts etc
  - Adaptable assignments, percentages, schedules, etc

- Start with stub articles – tinyurl.com/cooksite24
- Submit to Did you know?
Questions?

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