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• What is an academically appropriate way to use Wikipedia?

• Read Chronicle article: tinyurl.com/cooksite20
  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/cooksites10

• 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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