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5 and a thousand practical ways to use Wikipedia in instruction

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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/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?

2

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

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Information Cycle/ Types of Sources

- Example: tinyurl.com/cooksite10
- 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?

4 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

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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?

...and a thousand

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 - Tinyurl.com/cooksite23
 - Ready built customizable tutorials, handouts etc
 - Adaptable assignments, percentages, schedules, etc
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Questions?

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