

## **Research Project Part II: Wikipedia Article**

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### **Details:**

5 pages

Typed, double-spaced

Citations and Works Cited page in MLA style

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this assignment is to begin organizing the information you have been collecting through your research. You should give a brief description of your chosen medium or app, along with some information about the history and development of that medium/app. The most important part of this article will be the section in which you describe the impact of your chosen research topic.

### **Prompt:**

Write the Wikipedia article on your chosen medium/app that includes a section explaining its impact on: (Option I) an aspect of social life, or (Option II) its impact on the protection of a Human Right listed in the UNDHR

Remember the structure and layout of most Wikipedia pages:

-they usually begin with a brief overview

-they briefly describe the history

-then the information is broken down into different subcategories under different headings. The subcategories you choose will depend on what the focus of your research is.

### **Tips:**

--Wikipedia articles are supposed to be neutral. However, often times the author(s) add points of analysis by showing what other people have said about the topic. They might write subcategories like, "Criticism of Facebook," or "Google Controversy," which will allow the author(s) to present others' opinions while still remaining neutral. You should aim for this type of writing in your Wikipedia paper.

--If you use the "About" page of your chosen medium to get information, make sure you cite it properly. Do not assume that just because the information is easily available online that it's common knowledge and you don't need to cite it.

--Think carefully about the audience for your paper. Wikipedia readers can range from specialists to the general public. Oftentimes Wikipedia readers aren't familiar with their topic, so you'll need to write as if your audience knows nothing about your medium. You should also think about what kind of tone is appropriate for an informative paper like this.

--You will use MLA style in-text citations for this assignment. I will go over how to format citations in your paper. You should already have all your citations for the Works Cited page from your annotated bibliography.