

# Sourcing, original research, notability & conflict of interest



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# Notability

Subject must receive **significant** coverage in **reliable sources** that are **independent** of the subject, and is presumed to meet the criteria for its own stand-alone article or list.



# No original research

We do not accept: **facts, allegations, ideas and stories** for which no reliable published source exists.

Secret: Oral history that is published online is able to be used, as long as only the facts are delivered.

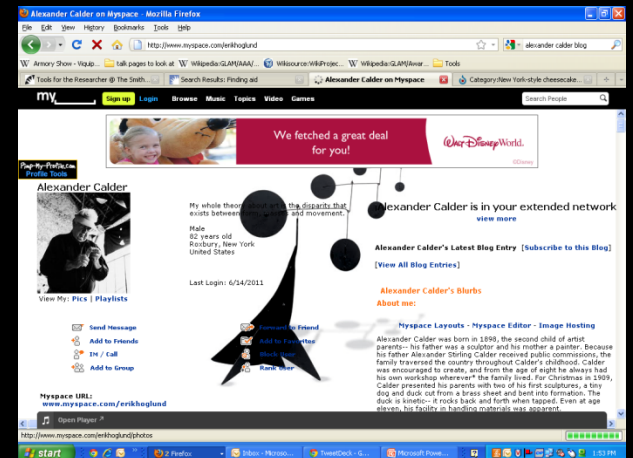
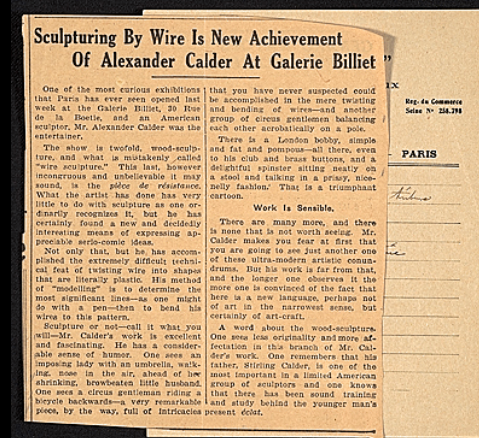


# Sources

Anything that could be challenged must be backed up by a reliable source.

A reliable source is published in from a trusted new source or publisher.

We prefer secondary sources. Primary are okay but should not be the only source used in an article.



# What NOT to use

- Self published sources
  - i.e. blogs, patents, newsletters, personal websites, forums & tweets
- Facebook, Tumblr, Twitter, Myspace
- Self-created
  - press release

# What TO use

- Legit news sources
  - NYT, Post, non-bias
- Academy, peer-reviewed, scholarly = preferred
- Can use BLOG from reliable trustworthy sources like SI, NYT

# Conflict of Interest

Where advancing outside interests is more important to an editor than advancing the aims of Wikipedia, that editor stands in a conflict of interest.

Example: Writing or editing your own institutions Wikipedia page without secondary sources and with peacock words

Example: Adding external links to your general website on Wikipedia pages.

Example: Creating an account called “ArchivesAmerArt” to serve as an institutional group account for edits.

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# Conflict of Interest

**DO** create a user account for yourself

**DO** create a userpage that describes your position, institution and area of expertise

**DO** edit as yourself, **NOT** as your institution

**DO** improve articles and content related to your passion & interests, you know the right sources & tools to improve Wikipedia!



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