Wikipedia Campus Training: Working on Wikipedia

Objectives

At the end of this training you will:

- Understand verifiability and reliable sources

- Know how to use a Wikipedia sandbox and when to move your article onto the main space

- Know how to submit your article to "Did You Know?"

- Know how to engage the Wikipedia community
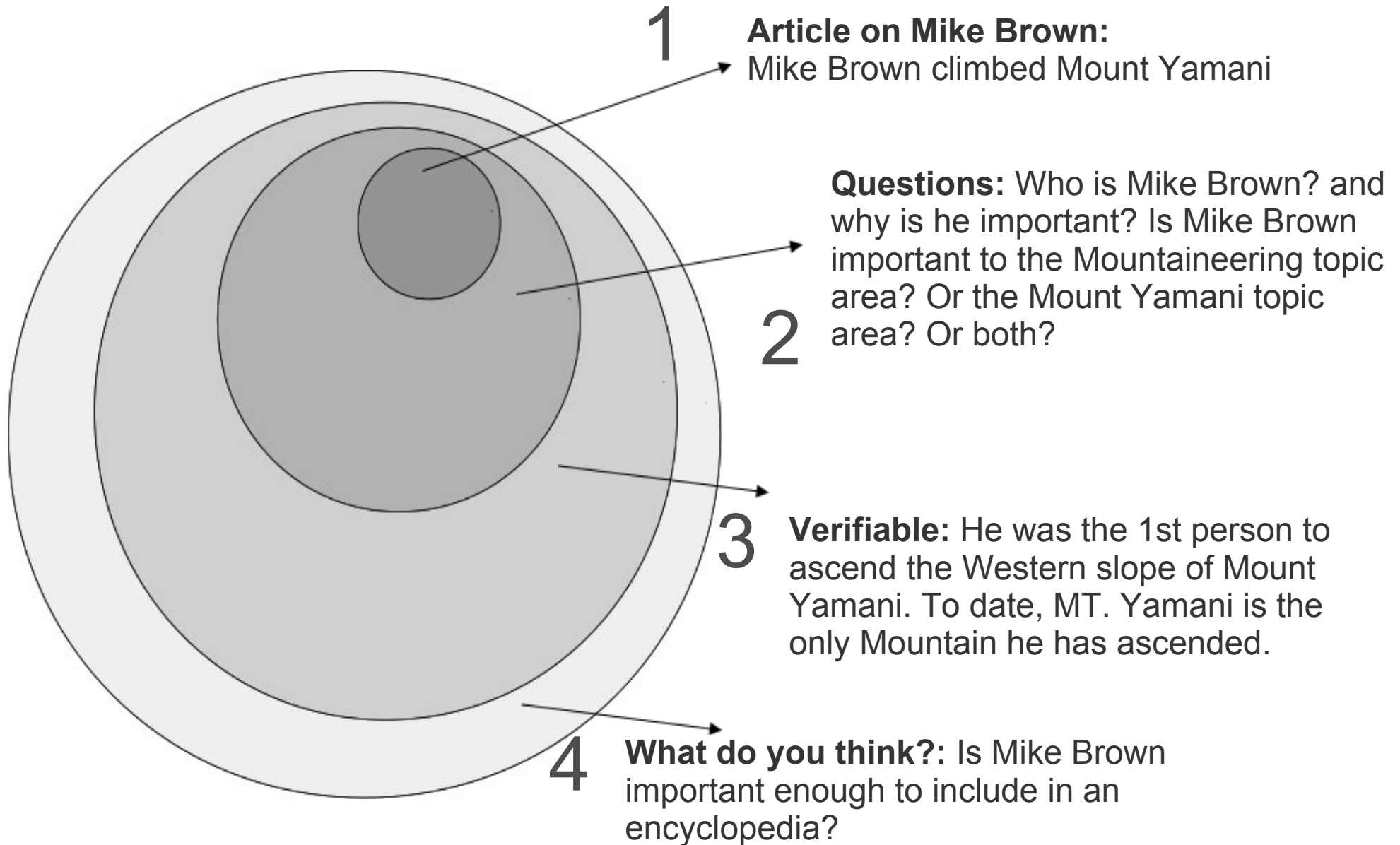
- Know how to get reviews and other feedback

Verifiability and reliable sources

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- **Verifiability** – one of the basic rules for creating Wikipedia content
  - "Mike Brown climbed Mount Yamani" – this needs a citation to a reliable source.
  - Anything likely to be challenged should be cited. In practice, almost everything should be cited to a paragraph or sentence level.
- **Reliable sources** – published sources, especially resources known for fact-checking such as:
  - Mainstream press (newspapers and news channels)
  - Published books
  - Magazines (technical and industry standards)
  - Documentaries
  - Scholarly journals

Notability: Is this article right for Wikipedia?

1 **Article on Mike Brown:**
Mike Brown climbed Mount Yamani

2 **Questions:** Who is Mike Brown? and why is he important? Is Mike Brown important to the Mountaineering topic area? Or the Mount Yamani topic area? Or both?

3 **Verifiable:** He was the 1st person to ascend the Western slope of Mount Yamani. To date, MT. Yamani is the only Mountain he has ascended.

4 **What do you think?:** Is Mike Brown important enough to include in an encyclopedia?

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Articles require:

- **significant coverage**
- in **reliable sources**
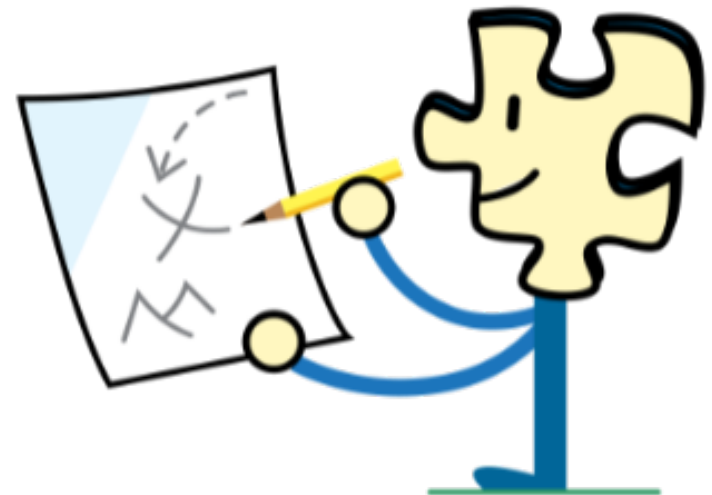- that are **independent** of the subject

Writing in a sandbox

Create a sandbox (activity)

- Go to your user page and click "Edit"

- Write [[User:<your user name>/Sandbox]]

- Click on "Save Page"

- Click on the link you just created

- You are now in your sandbox!

- Try writing and adding references

- Don't forget to click on "Save Page" when you're done editing

- Note: Sandbox is public!

Moving your article from sandbox to Wikipedia

This slide applies to new articles only.

- Determine the title for your article.
  - Look at similar topics to find an appropriate name.
- Click "Move" in the pulldown near the search box.
- Put the title into the "to new title" input box.
- Explain the reason for the move
  - For example, "I'm moving my sandbox article into Wikipedia."
- Click "Move page."

Don't Stop Here!

- Find another editor who might be interested in your topic

- Leave a request on their Talk page

- Link your article to other articles that mention your topic.

- You've become part of the Wikipedia community!

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- … that DYKs should be nominated within 5 days of when they were created or expanded?

- … that DYK entries must have at least 1500 characters worth of prose, and facts in the hook need to be supported with inline citations in the article?

DYK nominations

- Go to http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Template_talk:Did_you_know
  - Shortcut: [[T:TDYK]]

- Follow the instructions for listing a new nomination.

- Consider checking another nomination for the requirements.

DYK nominations

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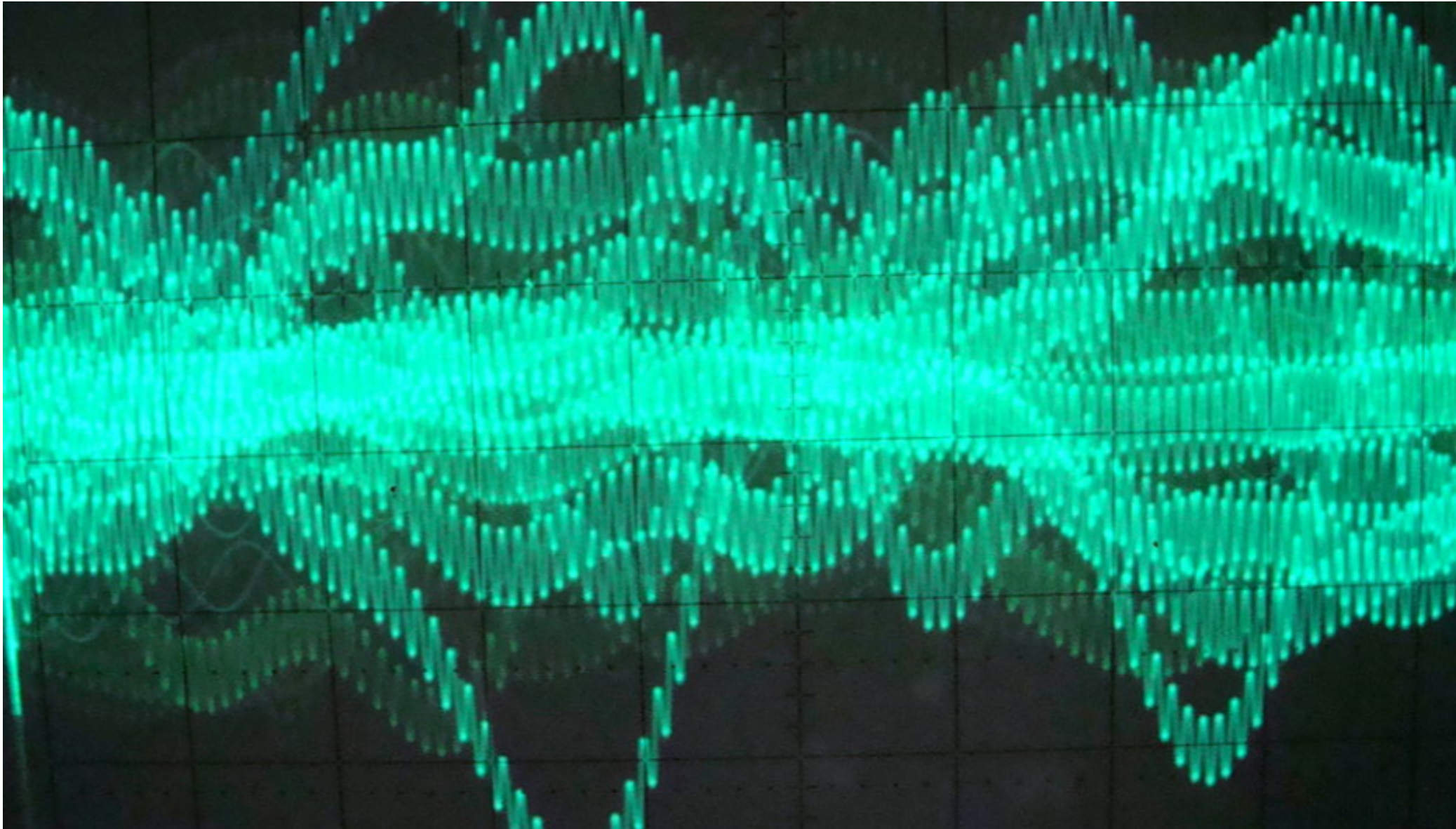
| article= Noise pollution in the United States

| hook=... that the [[Office of Noise Abatement and Control]] is responsible for for fighting '''[[noise pollution in the United States]]'''?

| status= new

| author= PolicyRocker15 }}

Engage the community to offer feedback

Getting feedback along the way to a great article

- Research →

- Writing in sandbox (with feedback from your mentor) →

- Moving to mainspace and nominating for "Did you know?" (with feedback from mentor and reviewers) →

- More research and writing (with feedback from classmates and other editors) →

- Good Article Nomination (with feedback from a reviewer) →

- Featured Article Candidate (with feedback from multiple reviewers) →

- Win!

Additional opportunities for feedback

- Article ratings – articles may be rated according to the Wikipedia 1.0 scale: Stub, Start, C, B, GA, A, FA

- Reader feedback – articles in WikiProject US Public Policy may get ratings from the Reader Feedback Tool

- Peer review process – Editors can request a review from another editor. Generally less formal than GA and FA reviews.

- WikiProject discussion pages

- IRC

- Ask around! Classmates, parents, friends, lovers, other editors... there are many opportunities to get help and feedback on your work.

Writing and peer review

Effective Feedback

- Effective feedback should:
    - Be descriptive, not evaluative
    - Be specific, not general
    - Consider the needs and feelings of the recipient. It is not about the contributor it is about the content,
    - Focus on behaviors that can change
    - Be solicited versus imposed
    - Be well timed – prompt
    - Be validated by the recipient and others (if applicable)
    - Publicly praise and, if necessary, address issues in private
    - Describe your concerns and perceptions without judging, accusing or labeling

Thank you!