

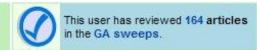
# WikiProject Good articles

Assessing articles for quality

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## WikiProject Good articles

- This wikiproject is designed to maintain the <u>Good articles</u> list and coordinate all other GA related tasks.
- Focussing on reviewing Good article nominations and re-assessment



 The process for designating an article as a good article is intentionally straightforward. If you find or contribute to an article meeting the good article criteria, you can nominate it on the good article nominations page for impartial reviewers to assess and, if it is accepted, it will be added to the list of good articles.



- Good article criteria
  - 1. Well-written: (a) the prose is <u>clear and concise</u>, and the spelling and grammar are correct; and (b) it complies with the <u>manual of style</u> guidelines for <u>lead sections</u>, <u>layout</u>, <u>words to</u> watch, fiction, and list incorporation.
  - 2. Factually accurate and verifiable: (a) it provides references to all sources of information in the section(s) dedicated to the attribution of these sources according to the guide to layout; (b) it provides in-line citations from reliable sources for direct quotations, statistics, published opinion, counter-intuitive or controversial statements that are challenged or likely to be challenged, and contentious material relating to living persons—science-based articles should follow the scientific citation guidelines; and (c) it contains no original research.



- Good article criteria
  - **3. Broad in its coverage**: (a) it addresses the main aspects of the topic; and (b) it stays focused on the topic without going into unnecessary detail (see <a href="summary style">summary style</a>).
  - 4. Neutral: it represents viewpoints fairly and without bias.
  - **5. Stable**: it does not change significantly from day to day because of an ongoing <u>edit war</u> or content dispute.
  - 6. Illustrated, if possible, by <u>images</u>: (a) images are <u>tagged</u> with their <u>copyright status</u>, and <u>valid fair use rationales</u> are provided for <u>non-free content</u>; and (b) images are relevant to the topic, and have <u>suitable captions</u>.



- What is not a good article?
- Lists, portals, sounds, and images: these items should be nominated for <u>featured list</u>, <u>featured</u> <u>portal</u>, <u>featured sounds</u>, and <u>featured picture</u> status, respectively.
- <u>Disambiguation pages</u> and <u>stubs</u>: these pages cannot meet the criteria.
- <u>Featured articles</u>: a good article loses its status when promoted to a featured article.



#### Problems

- Many nominations by fans of pop stars / TV shows / professional wrestling, etc. Often these may be lacking in reliable sources or poorly written.
- Occasional disputes with nominators about broad coverage,
  reliability of sources, or expectations that the reviewer will copy-edit
- Some reviews undertaken by editors who have not grasped the criteria or are not very literate.



#### Good article reassessment

 Good article reassessment (or GAR) is a process to determine whether articles that are listed as good articles still merit their good article (GA) status. GAR can also promote articles to GA status, but this has been infrequent, occurring occasionally following delisting from GA status or after the failure of a good article nomination. GAR can sometimes provide more feedback for delisted articles or failed GA nominations. However, it is not a peer review process; for that see Wikipedia:Peer review. The outcome of a reassessment should only depend on whether the article being reassessed meets the good article criteria or not.



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 Wikipedia:Good articles is a list of articles that meet a core set of editorial standards but are not featured article quality. The Good article nominations page provides a list of articles which have been nominated for Good article status, as well as instructions for nominators and reviewers. Articles can be **nominated by anyone**, and reviewed by any registered user who has not contributed significantly to the article.