Poverty, Justice, Human Capabilities Program
Wikipedia Assignment

Article Discussion Contribution
Due: Friday, March 9ᵗʰ at 1 pm

Assignment: Contribute to an Article Discussion Page

The assignment is to contribute to the Article Discussion Page of any entries you plan to revise (and to create and contribute to a new Article Discussion page for any new entries you may write).

Carefully read the attached information from the Wikipedia Education Foundation and carefully follow its contribution instructions. Be sure to read previous comments on the talk page and note any concerns about the page or recent edits. Note that Wikipedia says discussion pages are "to provide space for editors to discuss changes to its associated article or project page. Article talk pages should not be used by editors as platforms for their personal views on a subject."

Your contribution should contain a substantial amount of information taken from your submitted proposal so that other Wikipedia editors will understand your aim for the page. You should also note that your contribution derives from intensive course study this semester. You may note this by stating the information directly in your contribution and by adding the information to your Wikipedia user page. You also need to add the course banner (instructions below) to the Discussion page. Keep in mind that other Wikipedia editors may access your user page to better understand your contributions.

We attach some examples from previous classes; please note that the overall assignment has evolved since these examples were written, and that we expect you to provide a greater level of detail for your current Article Discussion Contributions.

Instructions:

1. Go to the Wikipedia article you plan to change
   Note: if you are creating a new article you will begin by starting your new Wikipedia page
   To create a new article, start by typing the name into the Wiki search bar
   If the page does not yet exist you will get a message saying, *You may create the page "New article", but consider checking the search results below to see whether the topic is already covered.*
   Click on the red text with your article name and proceed with the discussion contribution as described below

2. Click on the "Discussion" tab in the upper-left hand corner of the Wiki interface

3. Once in the discussion page, take the time to read what other users have already said concerning content on that page

4. Next, click "Edit" to add your discussion contribution, following [discussion guidelines](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Talk_page_guidelines) (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Talk_page_guidelines

5. To add a new discussion post you will need to create a heading of the form ==Your Heading Here==

6. The most recent posts should be placed at the bottom of the discussion page

7. To add the course banner and mark the article as the subject of a student project, add the following code at the top of the talk page: {{ WAP assignment | course = Wikipedia:United States Education Program/Courses/Poverty, Gender, and Development (Diana Strassmann and Anne Chao) | university = Rice University | term = 2011 Q3 | project = }}

   This will result in a banner that will link the page to the course's Wikipedia page.

8. After typing a concise discussion contribution, sign your post at the bottom of the page by typing 4 tildes ~~~~ and click "Save page"

9. **Submit to OWL-Space: Deadline Friday, 9 March 2012, 1:00 PM**
   Once you submit your Article Discussion contribution to Wikipedia, take a screenshot or screenshots that show your contributions. Be sure the screenshots contain a font size that is large and easy to read. The zoom feature on your computer and/or browser can solve this problem if the font is too small. Check your work by printing your contribution to make sure that the printed version is the equivalent size as the print in this handout. Screenshots with too small print will lose points.

   Do not save the entire page as a pdf, especially if the Discussion page is exceptionally long. The screenshots **must** include your contribution and your username. Submit these files to the relevant assignment tab on OWL-Space and for full credit save the file as follows: **<LastName>ArticleDiscussion.pdf** (or .jpg)