BLOG EDITING AND RE-WRITING

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How to write for Wikipedia (Original)

It was start of summer vacation. Every one was planning to utilize the time. Swati was also doing the same. She decided to do many things in the precious time of holidays. Apart from all activities, one was "training for excellent writing". If you are the best in your area of work then you have sky touching opportunities. Swati was searching for the perfect person who can teach her the technical aspects of the good writing. When she came across Wikipedia's site and found that she can contribute for the biggest free encyclopedia of online world and learn from experts. With a positive attitude she decided to work with Wikipedia as she can learn the quality writing skills from Wikipedians. There is huge community of Wikipedia readers, which is more than 325 million. Whenever you search for any subject on Google, it enlists Wikipedia's link on the top for that search. She was happy as wikipedia articles can be written in English as well as in her own language. 262 languages can be used on the site. As an editor there is lot to do with 17 million and more articles of the encyclopedia. Every one around Swati is impressed by her when he or she comes to know that she is an active contributor of highly used Wikipedia.

Swati registered herself and logged on the site. She searches for the topic of her interest. After reading it, if she finds the inaccurate or incomplete information she starts a discussion with the author of the article on the associated "talk" page. She uses this process to clear the facts related to the subject of the page. This helps her in getting the new ideas every time. Many times she discussed with an expert writer, which automatically gave her the training of the top writing skills. She also written many new articles, which were requested by readers. Pictures are also required to clear the information effectively. Swati provided many pictures matching to the Wikipedia's "Featured Picture Criteria". She given information about many famous personalities and companies of India. The articles contributed on Wikipedia are subject to edit by any user. Citations provided by her were reliable and created by the famous experts in the subject.

When you want success, you become serious about the work you are doing. Swati is also with same mind set. What ever she is doing for Wikipedia, she keeps in mind the reliability of the work. Hence she uses only the work done by experts in the certain subject, which is called the reliable source. It is very easy to confirm the reliability of any material just by asking on "reliable source notice board" of Wikipedia. She follows many books, journals, newspapers, magazines, university level textbooks for editing the previous articles, uploading required pictures and creating new page as per readers requirements or based on her own idea. The reliable sources are reputed for their professional structure, fact cheking and accuracy. Some sources such as news organizations' website blogs may not be subjected to the normal fact cheking process, hence she avoided them. She never used the contents of gossips, rumors and someone's extreme personal opinions as these sources may result in many questions. Swati refers some self published data built up by the experts in the relevant field. Almost work of these experts was published by the reputed third party organizations. After minute comparison of Wikipedia page with its cited sources, they are used by her. The dedication for the reliability of the referance material help Swati in publicity of the write up.

After editing or creating new page the procedure of verification starts. Verifiability is decided by concensus. Before editing any page swati started a discussion with other editors. This discussion leads to the process of concensus, which helps in fast decision making. If this process is unable to finalise the article then help of third opinion, dispute solving notice board, administrator's intervention notice board or arbitration can be taken. As Swati accurately followed the Wikipedia's norms, terms, guidelines and policies she never faced any critical mismatch of opinions with others. The honesty in her work made her one of the best Wikipedians.

If you want to become a successful writer then you can work with Wikipedia and become the master of Wikipedia's level just like Swati.

How to write for Wikipedia (Edited)

Writing is guided by passion and not money which is only the by-product of the satisfaction one gets from putting down her thoughts on paper. Professional writers travel the world to look for stories and those who want to enter the arena are excited about this field. But, success comes with no ease. One needs to learn a lot before one gets into the world of writers.

She was just a student, driven by a passion for writing when she found the biggest encyclopaedia of the Internet opening up avenues for her and soon she found herself writing for the most respected website of the world – Wikipedia. This entry was her turning point as she got a chance to practice writing for her favourite topics with expert guidance from Wikipedia's. If a student can contribute on Wikipedia and become successful there then you can too! It is an amazing place to learn academic writing and it also allows you to learn from experts in the field of your interest.

Wikipedia is read by 325 million users, all over the world and its 17 million articles are presented in 262 different language all over globe. It is one stop source for education on almost all subjects, reason why its pages always get top ranking on search engines.

As a beginner to Wikipedia, you need to first register yourself with them. Done that, you are ready to become a respected contributor if you have something of value to say. All you need to do is to search for your favourite topic on Wikipedia and find if there is any opportunity for improvement. Any improvement is welcome as long as it adds value to an article. You contribution can be in the form of text, picture, citation, books, company information, and esteemed people. However, just a submission can't guarantee that your article will be accepted as it goes through a process of verification to ensure that the information provided by you is accurate and meets their standards of quality. You need not be an inventor or an expert to contribute on Wikipedia but more of a person who discovers things, which makes it easy for you to contribute, provided you construct your article using reliable resources.

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· Type of work
· Author
· Publication

But before putting down the citations, ensure that they do not come in the list of questionable resources such as self-published articles from Authors, or from Wikipedia itself. Verification however, is a critical process as a single article may have contributions from multiple authors as anyone on earth is free enough to try their hands on. The final addition is only done after a consensus between different authors of a particular topic or article. Thus, Wikipedia has a platform that enables multiple authors to interact with each other through notice boards, and talk pages.

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· It should add on value to already existing information