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## Top 25 Report: Most Popular Wikipedia Articles of the Week (February 17–23, 2013)

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*Summary:* Oh what a [Google Doodle](#) can do. Perhaps the most potent vehicle ever devised for the procurement of passing posthumous popularity, it has granted two much lamented luminaries, the universe-upending [Nicolaus Copernicus](#) and the gigglingly ghoulish artist [Edward Gorey](#), places in our top 5 for this week, with Nicolaus himself claiming the top spot. A welcome reversal of his treatment in earlier days. In other news, it was a surprisingly slow week, as can be seen by the presence of many perennially popular but seldom seen articles, such as [Youtube](#), [Google](#), [World War II](#) and even [boat](#) (Seriously, boat? Surely [car](#) would be more popular?). The curious [Harlem Shake](#) phenomenon tightened its hold on the list from last week, with four separate entries, while the [Oscars](#), despite featuring a win for Wikipedia's most popular actress, [Jennifer Lawrence](#), failed to register, aside from the eventual [Best Picture](#) winner, [Argo](#). It seems movies can't fill the void in the human heart left by the [Super Bowl](#). The only other major theme this week was death, or the approach thereof. The morbidly fascinating [Deaths in 2013](#) made a reappearance, and the tragic deaths of [Reeva Steenkamp](#) and [Mindy McCready](#) were duly pored over. Basketball team owner [Jerry Buss](#) gained in fame by dying, while national hero [Michael Jordan](#) turned 50.

For the week of February 17–23, 2013 the 25 most popular articles on Wikipedia, as determined from the report of the [5,000 most trafficked pages\\*](#) were:

Rank	Last	Weeks	Article	Views	Notes
1	-	-	<a href="#">Nicolaus Copernicus</a>	2,984,775	 <p>Google celebrated the 540th birthday of Nicolaus Copernicus with an animated <a href="#">Google Doodle of Copernicus's model of the solar system</a> on February 19, 2013.</p>
2	-	-	<a href="#">Harlem Shake (meme)</a>	2,122,810	The latest internet craze.
3	2	2	<a href="#">Harlem shake</a>	1,860,669	This page was only created on February 12, and is actually only a brief <a href="#">disambiguation</a> page to help people find <a href="#">Harlem Shake (meme)</a> , which is #2 this week.
4	-	-	<a href="#">Mindy McCready</a>	1,647,474	This American country music singer committed suicide on February 17, 2013. She was found dead on her front porch, the same place where David Wilson, her former boyfriend and the father of her younger son, had killed himself one month prior.
5	-	-	<a href="#">Edward Gorey</a>	1,218,482	 <p>Google UK celebrated the 88th birthday of writer and illustrator Edward Gorey (1925-2000) with a series of drawings in his distinct style.</p>
6	5	2	<a href="#">Oscar Pistorius</a>	1,047,284	Up from 868,523 views last week. On 14 February 2013, the famed double below knee amputee and Olympic athlete was charged with murdering his girlfriend <a href="#">Reeva Steenkamp</a> earlier that day, and news coverage of the story is continuing.
7	-	-	<a href="#">Amazon.com</a>	772,069	The popular online retailer's article has had a rise in page counts since February 13. In the news this week over a dispute in the <a href="#">United States</a> over <a href="#">sales tax</a> .
8	-	-	<a href="#">Harlem shake (dance)</a>	686,591	The article on this 1981 dance is popular this week due to the new <a href="#">Harlem Shake (meme)</a> , see #2 and #3 above.
9	12	7	<a href="#">Facebook</a>	690,015	up from 633,428 views last week, a perennially favorite article.
10	9	7	<a href="#">G-force</a>	592,685	The continuing popularity of this article is a bit mystifying, possibly could be influenced by non-human views. Its popularity increased in June 2012 and has stayed that way. Down from 669,731 views last week.
11	8	2	<a href="#">The Walking Dead (TV series)</a>	580,648	The American television series, currently airing in third season, is enjoying increasing popularity.
12	-	-	<a href="#">Harlem Shake (song)</a>	528,416	See #2 above, this is the 2012 song by <a href="#">Baauer</a> excerpted in the internet meme. Released as a single, it did not begin to sell well until this month, when it reached number one on the US <a href="#">Billboard Hot 100</a> and number three on the <a href="#">UK Singles Chart</a> . Its success has prompted <a href="#">Billboard</a> to

					include <a href="#">video streams</a> as a new component of their charts.
13	-	-	<a href="#">Downton Abbey</a>	480,023	The popular British period drama television series.
14	-	-	<a href="#">Jerry Buss</a>	479,902	 The majority owner of the Los Angeles Lakers professional basketball team in the National Basketball Association (NBA) died on February 18, 2013.
15	-	-	<a href="#">Deaths in 2013</a>	473,093	The lists of deaths in the current year is always a quite popular article.
16	-	-	<a href="#">Argo (2012 film)</a>	468,043	The 2012 film has enjoyed another round of popularity in the run up to the 85th Academy Awards. And maybe people were onto something, because it subsequently won the <a href="#">Academy Award for Best Picture</a> .
17	-	-	<a href="#">Reeva Steenkamp</a>	454,949	See #6 above.
18	24	2	<a href="#">Abraham Lincoln</a>	454,317	The subject of a major recent Oscar-nominated movie ( <i>Lincoln</i> (2012 film)), it has been in and out of the Top 25 so far this year.
19	-	-	<a href="#">Michael Jordan</a>	452,648	 Often called one of the best basketball players of all time, he turned 50 on February 17.
20	16	2	<a href="#">The Walking Dead (season 3)</a>	428,336	See #11 above.
21	-	-	<a href="#">Boat</a>	402,305	 The fundamental watercraft is a perennially popular article.
22	-	-	<a href="#">World War II</a>	396,099	Another perennially popular article. (The 16th most popular article from 2010-12, in fact, see Table 2 <a href="#">here</a> .)
23	21	3	<a href="#">House of Cards (U.S. TV series)</a>	393,322	A new political drama series starring <a href="#">Kevin Spacey</a> , all 13 episodes of the first season were released on February 1. Down from 489,116 views last week.
24	-	-	<a href="#">YouTube</a>	364,855	Another perennially popular article, for the highly popular video-sharing website.
25	20	2	<a href="#">Google</a>	351,862	We close the Top 25 this week with another perennially popular article.

- This list is derived from the WP:5000 report. It excludes the Wikipedia main page (and "wiki"), non-article pages, and anomalous entries (such as DDoS attacks or likely automated views). Notable removals this week: [2MASS J04414489](#) (4,603,030) (Unexplained massive

view count, has been removed once prior); Seether (847,383 views) (over 840,000 views on February 19, an unexplained massive spike); Still Life at the Penguin Cafe (this 1988 ballet had an unexplained 3 day massive spike in views); and Cat anatomy (482,923 views, explanation still unknown for its continuing high view counts).

- Last week it took 464,599 views to make this list, this week it was only 351,862 views, allowing more perennially popular articles not always in the Top 25, like Boat and World War II to appear this week.
- The revision of WP:5000 containing the data used to create list: [1] ([https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=User:West.andrew.g/Popular\\_pages&oldid=540032039](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=User:West.andrew.g/Popular_pages&oldid=540032039))

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