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**Introduction to Wikipedia**

*What is your research topic?*

*What is your controversy?* (If you don’t know, come back to this question at the end of this assignment).

Step 1: Visit the Wikipedia page for your topic. You may have to modify your topic or controversy to find a page that provides actual information related to the subject that interests you.

Write the MLA citation for the page. You can find out how to write an MLA citation for Wikipedia by googling it. (Hint: it has its own Wikipedia page).

Step 2: Read the Wikipedia page, focusing on relevant sections. Are there any explicitly stated controversies (e.g.: “People disagree about x…” or “Some people think x, while others think y…”)? List them here:

Step 3: Does the Wikipedia article mention any relevant current events (e.g.: a court case; a controversial article, film, or book; new legislation; a presidential speech; etc.)? List them here:

Step 4: Based on what you have read, list at least four search terms you want to follow up with. They might be names of people or places related to your controversy; specific events that happened related to your controversy; jargon that is used in talking about your topic; etc.

Step 5: Look at the citations on the bottom of the page. Copy and paste any useful-looking links here:

Step 6: Was this Wikipedia page useful for you? Are there any other Wikipedia pages that might be more useful? If so, repeat steps 1-5 until you feel like you have exhausted the information on Wikipedia about your controversy. By the end you should definitely know what controversy you want to study.