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Practical 1- Introduction & Contribution to Wikipedia.

a. Description about Wikipedia & its features.

Wikipedia is a free, multilingual open-collaborative online encyclopedia created and maintained by a community of volunteer editors using a wiki-based editing system.

Special features on Wikipedia:

1. Turn pages into PDF books:- One of Wikipedia's most useful features is the ability to turn Wikipedia pages into a PDF, ODF or ePUB file. You can also order a print book. Various Wikipedia pages can be bundled together into one file, instead of many scattered files, making it easy to keep track of all of the information you need.
2. Celebrity voice recordings:- Recently, Wikipedia has been experimenting with celebrity voice recordings, so people can hear what the person sounds like.
3. The random tool:- You can enter a URL which will take you to a random Wikipedia page.
4. Wikipedia games:- If you get bored reading Wikipedia, then you can play some Wikipedia games.
5. Wikipedia nearby:- This feature only works on a laptop or mobile phone, and you need to enable the location settings on your browser, so Wikipedia knows where you are.Wikipedia brings up all of the local features which have their own Wikipedia pages. You can then view the relevant pages to get more information.
6. Public domain images on Wikipedia:- If you are looking for public domain images, you will find that Wikipedia is the best place to go. Wikipedia describes the whole concept of public domain images on

the site, along with providing a huge list of other public domain image sources.

7. Featured sections:- Every day, Wikipedia showcases featured articles, pictures, and sounds. The articles and pictures sections hold just over 4,000 items, whereas the sound section is only just over 200. The sounds page is currently inactive but is being kept for "historical reference".

b. Creating account on Wikipedia.

1. Go to www.wikipedia.org & choose "English".

2. Click "Create account" on the upper right of your browser.

3. Enter your account information & the captcha, & click "Create Account".

c. Creating your page on Wikipedia.

1. After logging into your Wikipedia account, enter text in the search field that you seek to create as a page title.

If the title you entered does not already exist, is not technically restricted & is not creation protected, the resulting page will 1) tell you that it does not exist; 2) advise that you can create the page, & 3) will provide a red link to the page title.

2. Click the red-linked text you searched for.
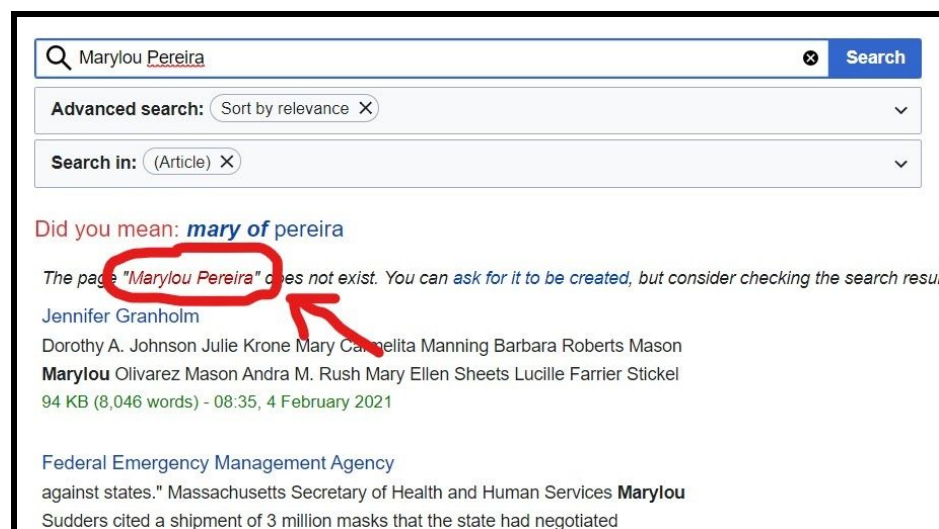
3. The next page gives you three different options. Click on "Start creating".

4. You will be directed to the Wikipedia Article Wizard. Click on "Next".

5. You will be directed to a page stating the rules regarding copyright, notability & referencing. Click on "Next".

6. You will be directed to a page with three different options- "I'm paid to edit", "I'm writing about myself, or a close person/subject", "I'm not connected to the subject". Select the correct option regarding your article.
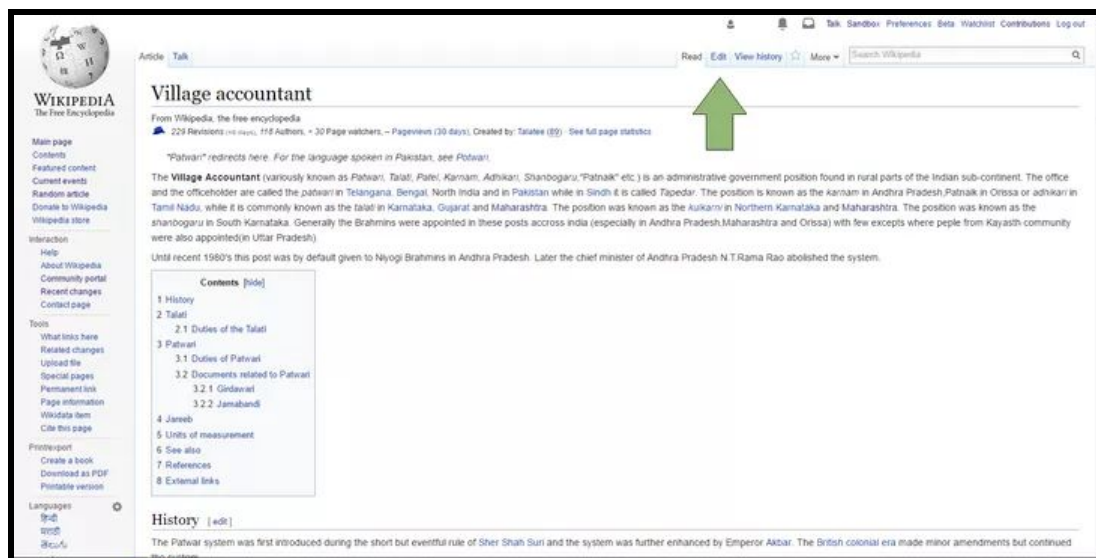
7. You will be directed to a page to create your article. When you're done, click on "Publish page…".
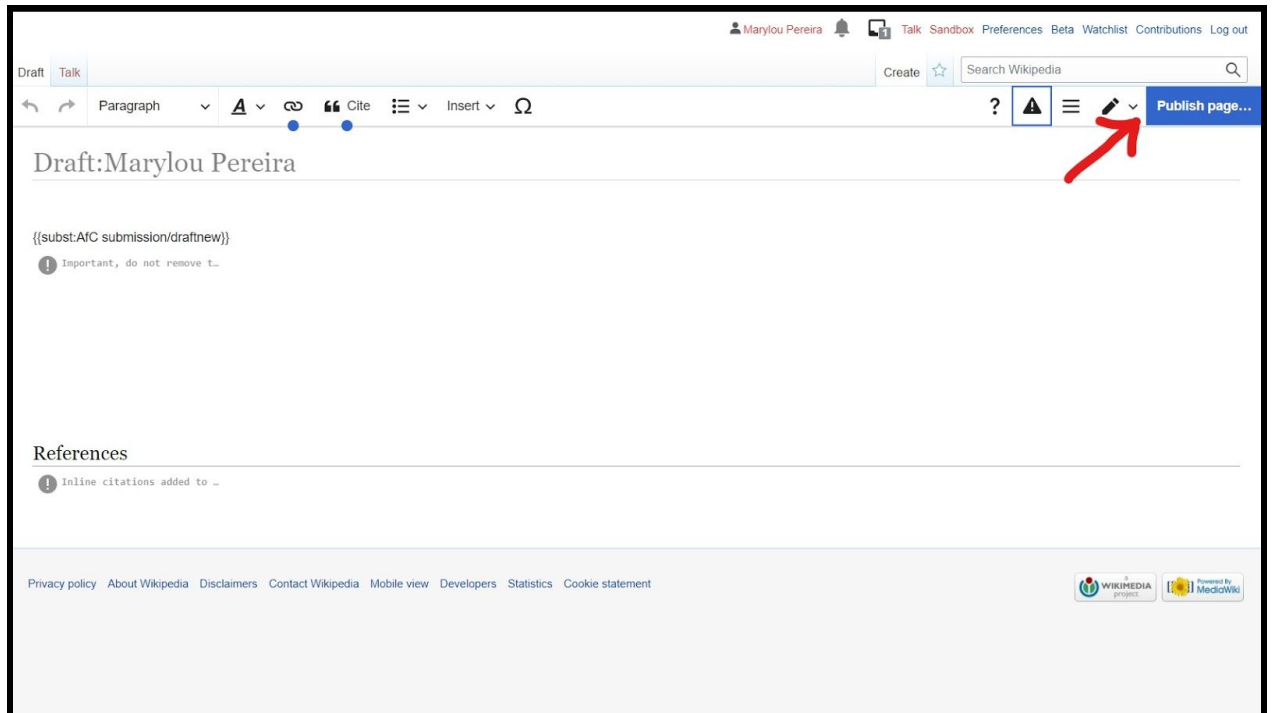
d. Editing a page on Wikipedia.

1. Find the article that has a mistake (wrong information, spelling, etc.)
2. Click on the "Edit" icon.

3. Correct the mistake you have found. When you're done, click on "Show preview". It will give you the chance to take a look at the article with your edits without saving the edit.
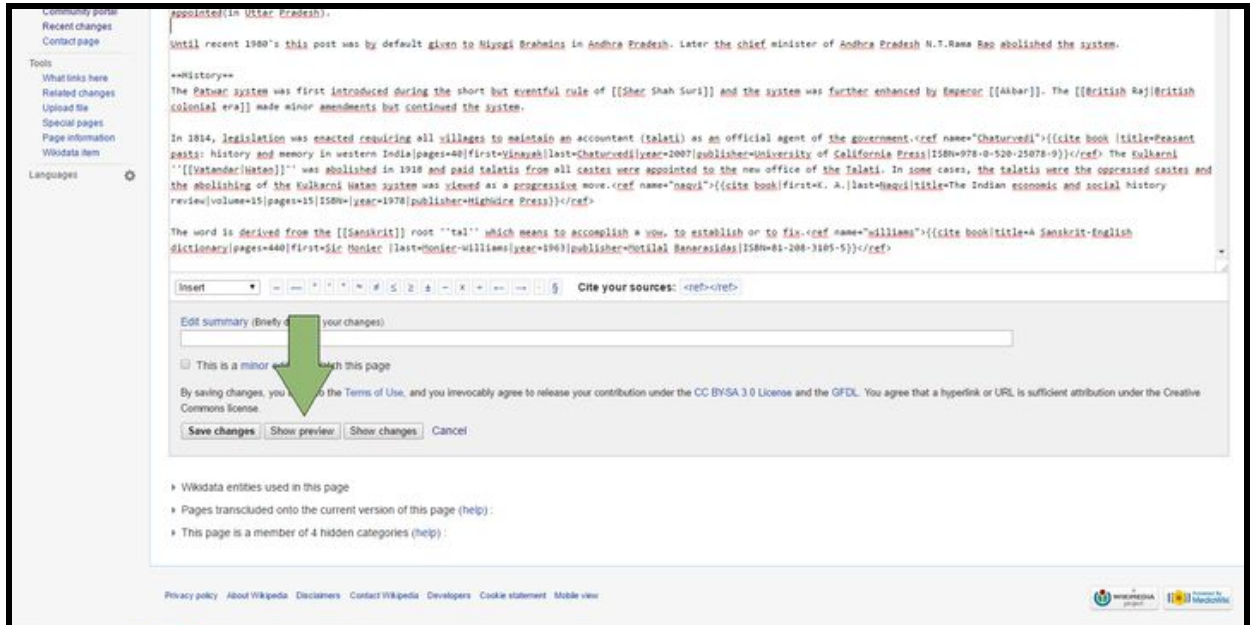
4. You can leave an edit summary to describe the changes that you have made. Click "Save changes" to save your edits.