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Assignment: Introduction to Wikipedia

AH 212-01: Women in American Art

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Instructions: Complete this worksheet and return it at the BEGINNING of class on September 17, 2015.

Objective: To create a user account and user page on Wikipedia and to become familiar with the basics of editing a Wikipedia page and creating a Wikipedia article.

Step One: Create a Wikipedia account.

Go to <http://en.wikipedia.org> and create a Wikipedia account (follow the link in the upper right corner). It is not necessary to create a username that reflects your real name. When you have created the account, write your username in the space below:

Wikipedia username: _____

Step Two: Read the Wikipedia Tutorial.

Go to <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Tutorial> to read the basics of Wikipedia editing. When you have finished reading the tutorial, answer the question below:

What five “pillars” sum up Wikipedia’s fundamental principles?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

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Step Three: Create a user page for your Wikipedia account.

Go to <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Userpages> and follow the instructions to create a user page for your Wikipedia account. Include a sentence or two about yourself and add an image from Wikimedia Commons (see the Wikipedia Tutorial from Step Two to learn how to do this). If you do not wish to include identifying biographical information, it is not necessary to do so. When you have finished making your user page, write the URL in the space below:

Wikipedia User Page URL: _____

For a sample user page, see <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/User:Sbeetham>

Step Four: Think about forming groups for your semester-long project.

This semester, you will be working in groups of two to three students to create Wikipedia articles for women artists currently underrepresented in the online encyclopedia. Over the course of the next week, think about whether you would like to work with any of your classmates in particular and discuss this with them. If you agree to work with one or more of your classmates, write the names of your group members in the space below. We will take some class time on September 17 to form groups for any students who do not yet have a partner.

Names of Group Members: _____

If you have any questions about this assignment over the course of the week, please contact me at sbeetham@udel.edu.