Assignment: Wikipedia Article on an American Woman Artist

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The Assignment

In groups of two to three students, write or improve a Wikipedia article on an American woman artist. A list of artists will be provided by the instructor for groups to choose a topic. Your article should summarize the important aspects of the artist's life, career, and known works. In order to prepare the article, your group will conduct research to find scholarly books, journal articles, and other reputable sources. Throughout the semester, your group will prepare short assignments that will aid you in creating a successful article. Articles will be graded based on how closely they follow Wikipedia's Good Article Criteria. At the end of the semester, we will post these articles online. *The objective of this assignment is to prepare an article on an American woman artist that will be made available to the worldwide community of Wikipedia readers.*

Wikipedia Good Article Criteria

(Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Good_article_criteria)
A good article is:
1. **Well written**: clear and concise, grammatically correct, and respectful of copyright laws
2. **Verifiable** with **no original research**: includes a list of references and in-line citations to reliable sources on the subject
3. **Broad in its coverage**: addresses the main aspects of the topic in a focused manner
4. **Neutral**: represents the subject fairly and without bias
5. **Stable**: does not change significantly due to an ongoing edit war
6. **Illustrated**: contains images from Wikimedia Commons or other sources (subject to copyright)

For an example of a Wikipedia "Good Article" on an American woman artist, see the article on Louise Nevelson: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Louise_Nevelson

Length

Length of articles will vary depending on the subject, as the careers of some artists will generate more material than others. But as a good rule of thumb, articles should range between 2,000 and 3,000 words.

Formatting

Unless otherwise specified, all assignments handed in to the instructor should be generated using Microsoft Word with **TIMES NEW ROMAN, 12 pt. font, double spaced, and STAPLED**. On the last day of class, groups will place the final versions of their articles on Wikipedia during an in-class Edit-a-Thon.

ON PLAGIARISM:

All work submitted for this project should be the work of your group. The use of sources such as books or journal articles should be properly documented through in-text citations and a list of references. Failure to do so constitutes plagiarism and will result in a grade of F on the project.

Important Dates
- September 17: Introduction to Wikipedia assignment due
- October 1: Wikipedia bibliography due
- October 15: Wikipedia article outline due
- Week of October 29: Group conferences with instructor to discuss progress
- November 5: Rough draft of Wikipedia article due
- November 12: Critique of rough draft due
- November 19: Final draft of Wikipedia article due
- December 10: In-class Wikipedia Edit-a-Thon

Final Grade Rubric

Introduction to Wikipedia Assignment	5%
Wikipedia Bibliography	5%
Wikipedia Article Outline	5%
Rough draft of Wikipedia article	20%
Critique of rough draft	5%
Final draft of Wikipedia article	50%
Group participation	10%
Total	100%