

Wikipedia Contributions  
Pathogen Project  
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## Objectives

- Learn to use Wikipedia to find information.
- Learn how to contribute knowledge to Wikipedia.
- Share some of your work on your pathogen charts on Wikipedia.

## Instructions

1. If you never have before, please visit [wikipedia.org](http://wikipedia.org) for just a few minutes. Browse around. Check out one of their featured articles.
2. If you have never edited Wikipedia before, go to <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:TWA/Portal> and play “The Wikipedia Adventure.” This will train you to edit Wikipedia pages within about an hour. This training will also help you avoid being daunted and frustrated.
3. Choose how to contribute your knowledge. I can think of several potential avenues:
  - a. Revisit pages you encountered when first making your pathogen charts, and improve them using your information from outside sources, OR
  - b. Look at the “How you can help” section of the Microbiology WikiProject page at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:WikiProject\\_Microbiology](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:WikiProject_Microbiology). Here you can find some ideas for contributing to specific articles that need work, OR
  - c. Work on a different article connected to microbiology, in which you have some deeper interest.
4. Provide me with evidence of your contribution. This would be simple as a written description with the following:
  - a. The name of the article, AND
  - b. A description of the changes you made to the article, AND
  - c. An excerpt of the article, showing the section that contains your contributions. There is a tab in the upper-right corner of each Wikipedia page called “View history.” One way to demonstrate the changes you made is to click on this tab and take a screenshot or copy the text, capturing the line with your username and the change(s) you made.

## Expectations

- Give evidence of meaningful contribution:
  - Sources must be cited
  - Check your grammar and spelling
  - Make sure your work fits our definition of “reliable”!
- Aim to make your contributions worth keeping. Only quality work will persist!

## Evaluation

I'll use the same check, check-plus, check-minus evaluation system as for other assignments.