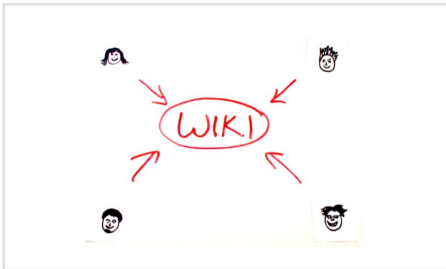**Lesson Plan**

This lesson plan is designed to help you teach using a Common Craft video. Use the information below to introduce the video and then follow the video with discussion questions and other resources.

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commoncraft.com/video/wikis

ISTE Standard:

Global Collaborator, Indicator 7c

ACRL Info Literacy Frame:

Information Has Value, Scholarship as Conversation, Information Creation as a Process

Wikis

Explained by Common Craft

Collaboration on the internet is often difficult. Wikis are a kind of website that helps solve the problem by creating a single place for a group to collaborate and share information. This video explains the big idea behind wikis.

Learning Outcomes

- Explain how a wiki can be used by groups to organize information and coordinate a project

- Describe the basics of using a wiki to add, link, and organize information

- Give an example of how a wiki can be valuable to a group working together

Discussion Questions

Q #1

When have you used a wiki? What was the experience like? Based on this experience, when would you use a wiki again?

Q #2

One of the best known wikis is Wikipedia. In what ways does Wikipedia work like a traditional wiki? In what ways is it different?

Q #3

There are many different avenues of communication available to you--email, blogs, wikis, and google docs. What are the advantages and disadvantages of each? In which situations would a wiki be preferred?

Knowledge Check Q&A

Q

What is a wiki?

A

A wiki is a website that makes it easy for everyone in a group to change what appears on the webpage at the click of a button.

Q

What are the three essential buttons for a wiki?

A

1) Edit. 2) Save. 3) Link.

Q

What can you do when you edit a wiki page?

A

You can add or remove words or change how they look.

Q

How do you create a new wiki page?

A

If you have not started the wiki yet, click edit to get started on your first page. After you create the first page, you create additional pages by making a link with the name of the new page you want to create. Once you click on that link, you will arrive at your new page.

Resources for Learning More

Vanderbilt University Center for Teaching
"Wikis (guide for teachers and instructors)"

https://cft.vanderbilt.edu/guides-sub-pages/wikis/

TedTalk
Marcin Jakubowski
"Open-sourced blueprints for civilization" 2/2011

https://www.ted.com/talks/marcin_jakubowski

Carnegie Mellon University
Eberly Center for Teaching Excellence & Educational Innovation
"Blogs, Wikis, and Discussion Boards" 2015

https://www.cmu.edu/teaching/technology/blogs-wikis-discussionboards.html