

Final Project – Course Wiki (Due last day of class)

You or you and your partner will create a Wikipedia-like entry on your author for the final assignment in our course. You could also compare this project to a “Cliffs Notes” or “Sparknotes” piece of writing that “explains” your author and her contributions to the world.

First of all, take a look at your author’s Wikipedia site. Assess its strengths and weaknesses. Focus especially on what is still missing (in some cases a lot will be missing; in other cases, it will be about figuring out what are the weakest sections).

Next, decide with your partner what the sections of your Wiki should be. The following is an example of required sections:

- a. Short intro.
- b. Short bio.
- c. Role in the literary 18th C. & influence on future writers
- d. Discussion, with examples, of major themes in her work
- e. **Optional:** Other literary or non-literary contributions to the historical record
- f. **Optional:** Relationships with other 18th C. writers
- g. References List (min. 10 references using mix of articles & books)

If you wish to include the bio you wrote already (with improvements where necessary), that is fine, but **it will not count towards the 10 page required page count for your wiki.**

Depending on your author, you might wish to include some sections not listed above, esp. if your author made other contributions you wish to write about, or if she had a significant relationship with another writer you think important enough to warrant a separate section.

Course Wiki requires 5 pages double-spaced in Word of NEW writing by EACH group member and a works cited. In your works cited, please list the primary and secondary sources separately. Your final Wiki should use a min. of ten sources (min. 5 per person).

You will post your author Wiki on the Wiki section of the Assignments button on BB. Each poet will have a separate Wiki. Feel free to include relevant pictures and hyperlinks. Make sure to label the sections of your Wiki separately if you wish to be graded separately.

In addition, you are also required to submit (separately) and on paper:

Wikipedia Reflection: This piece of writing explains what information about this author already exists on Wikipedia.org, how accurate the existing entry is, and what might be done to improve it. (Done separately by each person in the group; 1.5- 2pp. double-spaced)

If you wish, the Wikipedia Reflection may be the last section of your Wiki, but it will not contribute to the required 10 pages of writing.

On the last day of class you will have an hour in the computer lab to upload all your work to your Wiki, proofread it, add any last hyperlinks, etc. Then in class, each group will briefly present their Wiki and show the class how it compares to the existing Wikipedia entry.