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Using Wikipedia (Video)

Check your knowledge about this topic by answering these questions.

Some questions have more than one correct answer.

1. What is Wikipedia?

12 points

- A subscription database for scholars
- A video role-playing game
- A free encyclopedia developed and maintained by the many people who use it
- A free digital science magazine for kids

2. Who writes and edits Wikipedia pages? Choose the BEST answer.

12 points

- Scholars
- Scientists
- Anyone
- Students

3. Why might your teacher prohibit the use of Wikipedia as a research source? Choose the BEST answer.

12 points

- Because the information is monitored by researchers
- Because anyone can edit Wikipedia
- Because Wikipedia is on the internet
- Because they do not like it

4. Why is it problematic that anyone with Internet access can write or edit a Wikipedia entry?

12 points

- You cannot be sure of the qualifications of the author or editor of the entry.
- You cannot be as sure the information that the author provided is reliable.
- Using Wikipedia used to be a problem, but it is not anymore.
- You cannot be sure the changes the editor made are accurate.

5. How can Wikipedia be useful for your research needs?

14 points

- Wikipedia can introduce you to the major ideas on a topic.
- Wikipedia can provide keywords to help you search.
- Wikipedia can provide links to useful sources cited in the article.
- Wikipedia can provide useful links to additional Internet sources to explore.

6. When reading a Wikipedia article, _____ could be used as keywords to help you search for more information on your topic.

14 points

- Secondary sources
- Related terms (vocabulary)
- Names of organizations or people
- Important dates

7. How can the citations on a Wikipedia entry be helpful?

12 points

- The citations will prove you know your topic.
- The citations will direct you to fun games.
- The citations will make you smarter.
- The citations will lead you to articles that may provide needed information.

8. How do external links differ from reference citations at the end of a Wikipedia entry?

12 points

- There is no difference.
- The external links will waste your time, and reference citations will not.
- External links lead to related information that is not used in the article.
- Both will take you to scholarly or expert resources every time.