how to influence the world from your pajamas
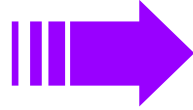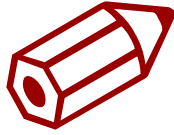
edit Wikipedia! (here are the secret rules)

the basic process:
find a reference,
summarize it

make edits stick by knowing your audience: **editors**

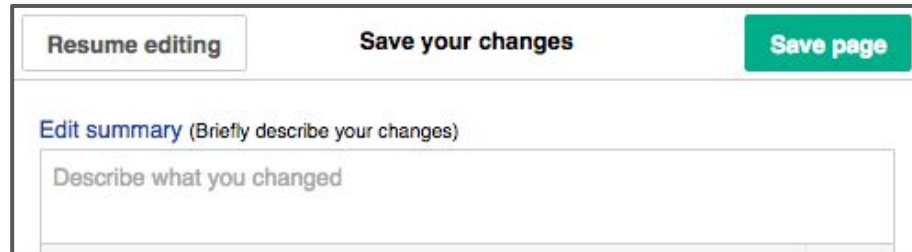help yourself look legit:

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right away

justify your edits to fellow editors:
when you save,
always **fill out the**
"Edit summary"

prove your edit to fellow editors: **when you write, always click "Cite" and add a reference**

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(easier order: try finding a reference **before** you write a sentence!)

justify an article's existence:

before making a new article, gather 5ish strong references

prove you can legally use a photo: **there are complex rules for adding photos; follow them**

you too can be a frequent editor:
add articles to your "Watchlist" and defend articles

Use **VisualEditor**

aim to make one improvement to an article today

- make an account and always log in
- make a user page right away
- fill out the "edit summary" for every edit
- add a reference for every sentence
- find 5+ refs for new articles
- add photos!
- aim for 1 improvement
- you got this

(more stuff if there's time)

the trick:
you are writing for other editors
not just for general readers

if something about Wikipedia is confusing, try Googling it