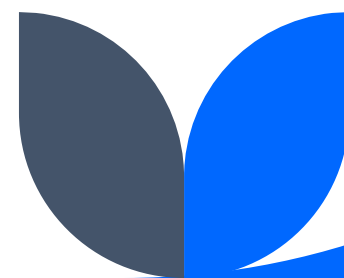


Wikipedia Training

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Today we will discuss...

1. Wikipedia: What is it exactly?
2. Key policies and guidelines
3. Creating an account
4. Exploring article tabs
5. Exercise: Article exploration
6. Editing Basics
7. Exercise: Edit an article



With a goal of...

- Getting you comfortable starting to edit Wikipedia articles within your field of expertise.
- Starting to improve public knowledge about multilingual writers in digital space.



CCCC Wikipedia Initiative Mission

Established in 2019, the CCCC Wikipedia Initiative proceeds from the conviction that it matters to edit Wikipedia, especially for field experts committed to knowledge equity as a fundamental groundwork for social justice.

Writing expert knowledge into Wikipedia is one important way we can address knowledge gaps, imbalances, and misinformation online.

Wikipedia: What is it exactly?

1. An online, multilingual encyclopedia maintained and edited entirely by volunteers.
2. A wiki-based website run by the Wikimedia Foundation (WMF), a nonprofit that supports several other open content platforms.
3. The flagship project in a global movement to create robust and accessible sources of free and open knowledge content.
4. Currently 58 million articles created across 300 different language version Wikipedias—all freely licensed under Creative Commons (CC-BY-SA).

Key Policies & Guidelines

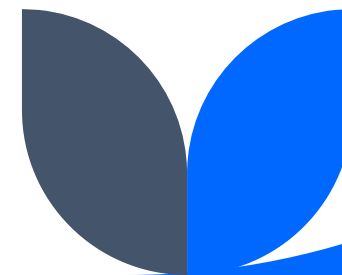
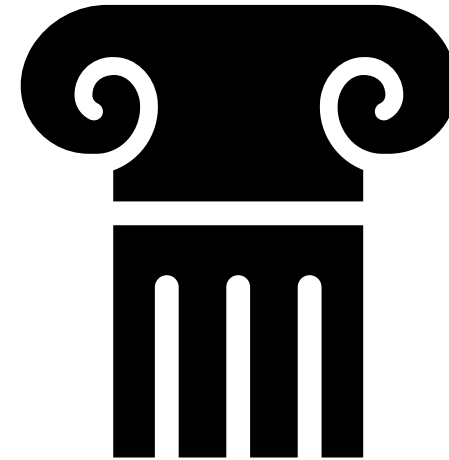
Image description: An illustration of an open book with an image of saturn on the left-hand page. On the right-hand side of the book page are block lines depicting writing. A hand is flipping over the right-hand page of the book.



The Five Pillars

1. Wikipedia is an encyclopedia.
2. Wikipedia is written from a neutral point of view.
3. Wikipedia is free content that anyone can use, edit, and distribute.
4. Wikipedia editors should treat each other with respect and civility.
5. Wikipedia has no firm rules.

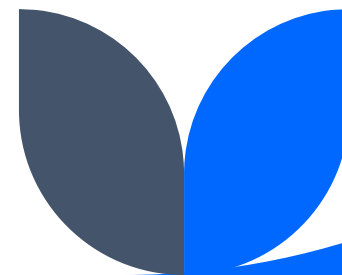
Image description: A graphic icon of a solid black Greek pillar.



Core Content Policies

1. **Verifiability:** only draw facts from reliable sources
2. **Notability:** plenty of independent sources
3. **No original research:** no claims without reliable sources

Image description: A picture of a person typing on a laptop.



Conflict of Interest (COI)

- Field experts are encouraged to contribute to Wikipedia, but should never assume the role of advocate for topics they are directly involved in.
- Only paid editors are required to disclose a COI before editing.
- Everyone has a connection to the topics they are interested in editing. Be diligent about following Wikipedia's core content policies when editing or consider suggesting changes if you are concerned about a potential COI.
- Bottom line: Do not create or edit an article on yourself.



Article Quality Assessment

WikiProjects—a group of Wikipedia editors focused on improving articles around a specific topic or field of interest—review and assess article content.

Featured article (FA): Highest quality assessment; examined by one or more impartial reviewers.

Good article (GA): Second highest quality standard; examined by one or more impartial viewers.

B-class: Mostly complete without major problems but requires some further work to reach good article status.

C-class: Substantial but is still missing important content or contains irrelevant content.

Start-class: Developing but still quite incomplete.

Stub-class: A very basic description of the topic.



Notability: What can be added?

- If a topic or person is considered notable by Wikipedia's community-curated guidelines, it can be added.
- A topic may be added when it has **“received significant coverage in reliable sources that are independent of the subject”** ([Wikipedia's Notability Guidelines](#)).
- Subject-specific notability guides govern specific types of articles.



Academic Notability Criteria

- Reproduces structures of discrimination that exist in traditional academic reward systems and leans too heavily on metrics catered to scholars in STEM fields.
- Take into account nationally recognized awards, editorship of academic journals, interviews, and news articles about the scholar when assessing notability.

Image description: Picture of a teacher smiling and writing on a whiteboard



Creating an Account

Image description: An illustration of the letter 'W' filled with black, outlined in orange, and set against a green background.



Choosing a Username

Be mindful of...

- Using your real name
- Linked Wikimedia accounts

Policies...

- Pick a username that refers to an individual or single entity (no institutions).
- No disruptive, misleading, or offensive names

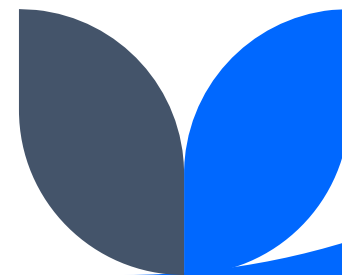


Changing a Username

If you have not been editing for very long, it is easier to create a new account than to change your username.

Create an Account or Log in

- Click [here](#) to create an **account**.
- Click [here](#) to **log in**.
- Although it is not required to add an email address, it is highly recommended to receive notifications about changes to your watched articles.
- **Create an account URL:**
<https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Special:CreateAccount&returnto=Main+Page&campaign=loginCTA>
- **Log in URL:**
<https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Special:UserLogin&returnto=Main+Page>



Event Dashboard: Sign in

- The event dashboard allows us to keep track of who attended the workshop and what edits everyone contributed to.
- Click [here](#) or copy and paste the URL into your web browser to be added to the event dashboard.

Dashboard URL:

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Exploring Article Tabs

Image description: An illustration of a computer with the letter 'W' on the screen.



Article Talk Page

An individual article forum to discuss specific issues or ideas with other Wikipedia editors.




Image description: Screenshot of the article talk page for the Conference on College Composition and Communication. A red circle encloses a tab titled 'Talk' within a toolbar situated on the top left-hand side of the article.



View Article History

See all prior versions of an article including timestamp, editor, and contributions.



Article [Talk](#) [Read](#) [Edit](#) [Edit source](#) **View history** [★](#) [More](#)

Writing: Revision history

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Image description: Screenshot of the view history page for the article on Writing. A red circle encloses a tab titled 'View history' within a toolbar situated on the top right-hand side of the article.



Watching Articles

The blue star at the top right toolbar of a Wikipedia article allows you to add it to your watchlist. If you have an email attached to your account, you will receive notifications about edits to the article.

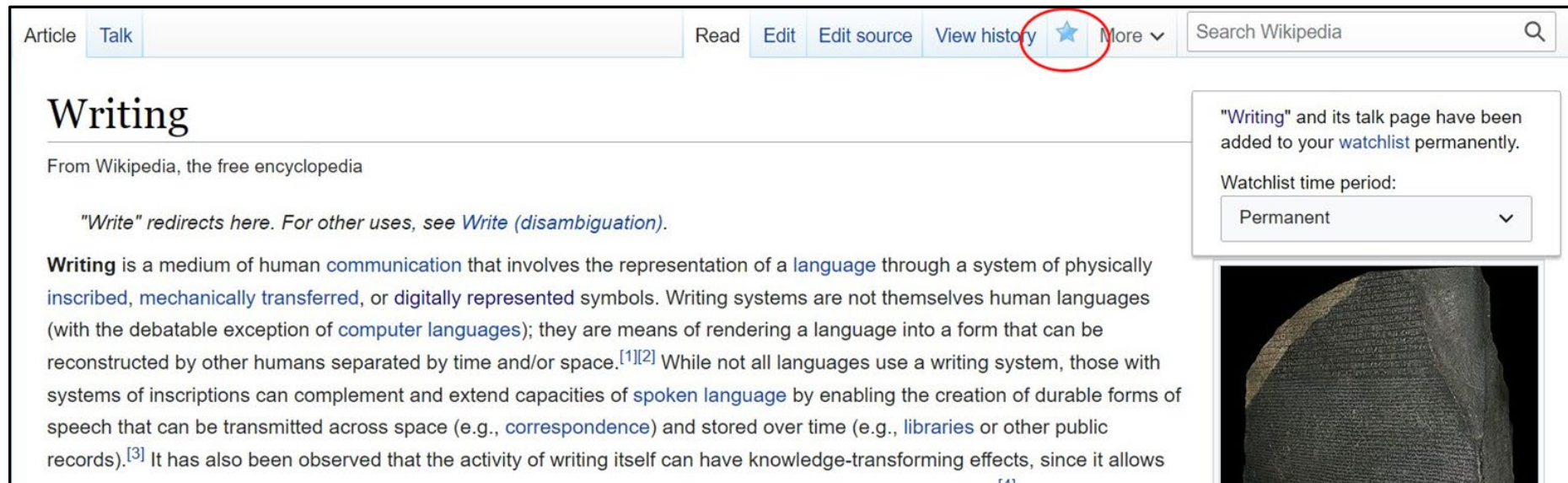


Image description: Screenshot of the top section of the Wikipedia article on Writing. A red circle encloses a blue star within a toolbar situated on the top right-hand side of the article.



Head to our Event Page

- The event page hosts the article worklist and useful resources for editing and accessibility
- Click [here](#) for the web page

Web Page URL:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:WikiProject_Writing/Events



Exercise: Article Exploration

Select an article from the worklist. Consider these questions:

- Is the information presented accurate and equitable? If not, what specific concepts, frameworks, or sections need to be revised?
- Is there anything missing? What scholars and/or scholarship need to be added?
- What will the public or your students learn from the article?



Editing Basics

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Visual vs. Source Editing

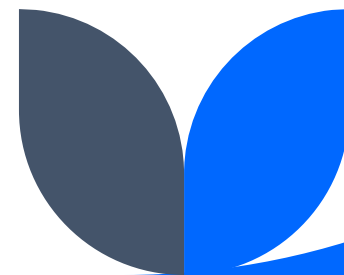
Visual Editor

Make edits directly on the page, no wikitext knowledge necessary.

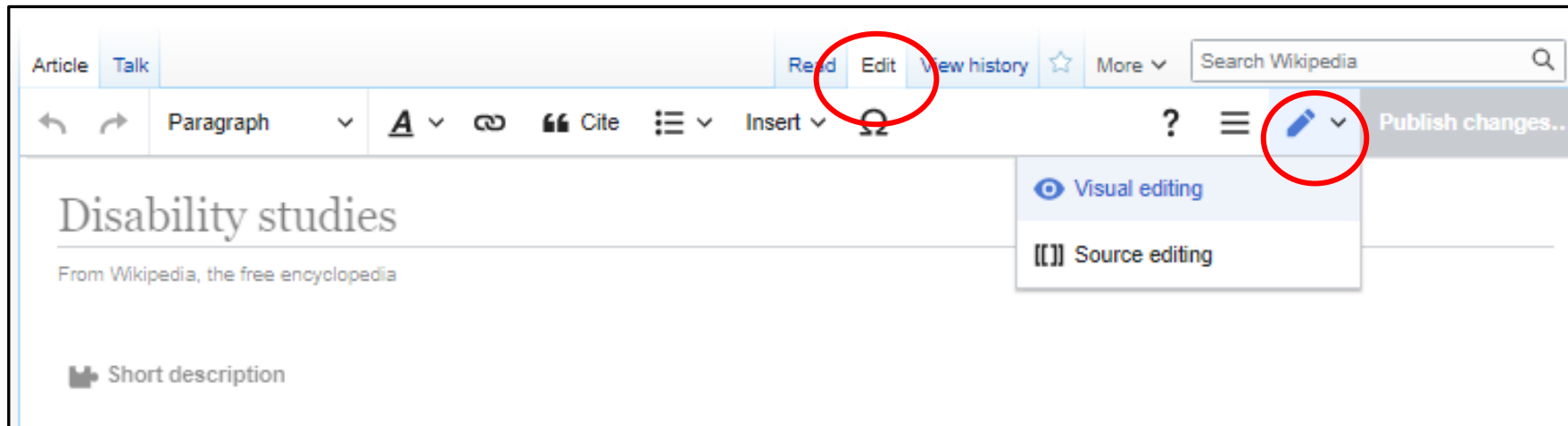
Source Editor

A special wikitext markup used to format and style wiki pages.

It is necessary to use wikitext when editing talk pages.



Editing with Visual Editor

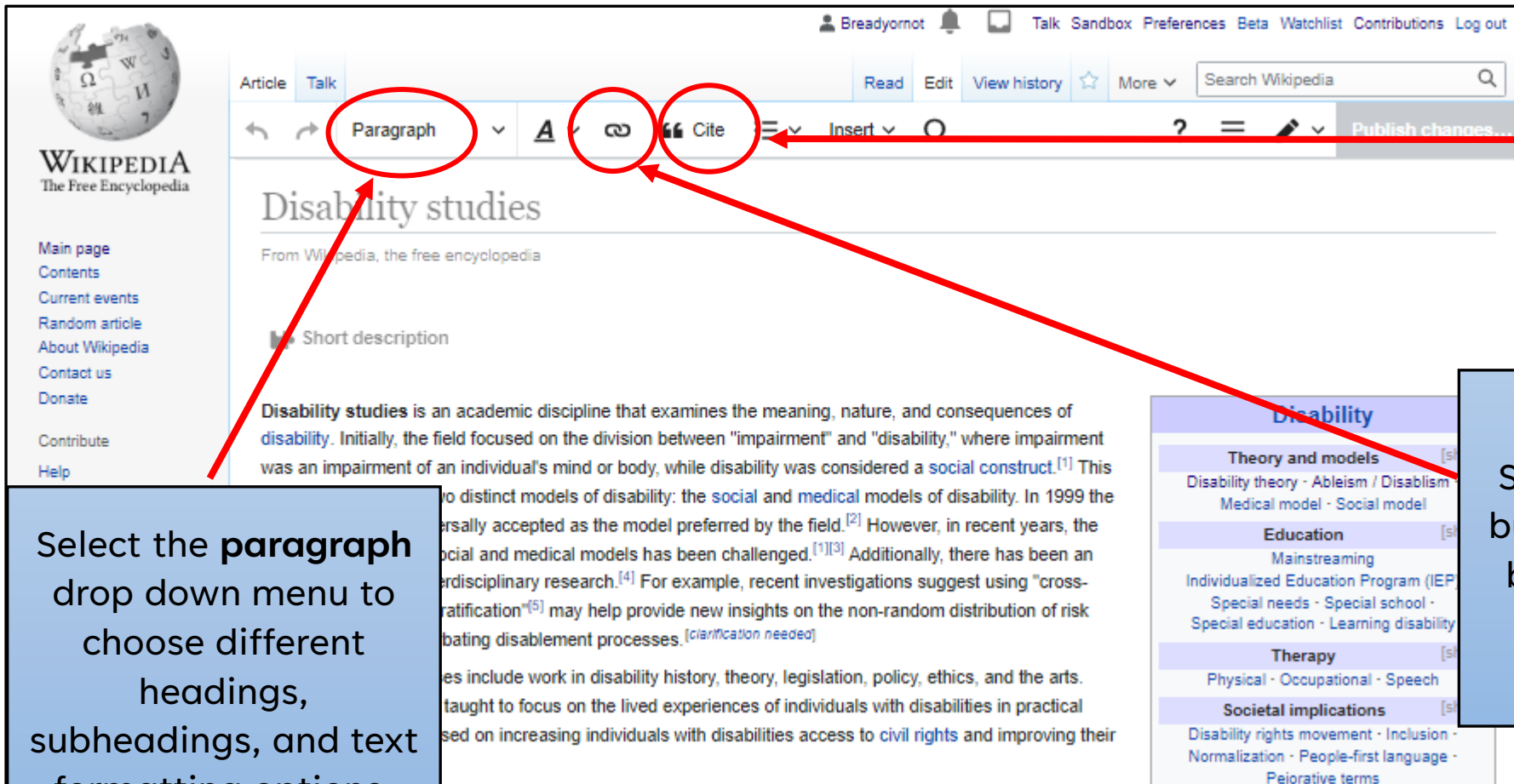


Toggle between visual editor and source editor by clicking on **edit** from the article toolbar and selecting **visual editor** from the **pen icon**.

Image description: A screenshot of the Wikipedia article for Disability studies in visual editor mode. Red circles encompass the button for edit (above) and pen icon (below). A drop-down menu is present below the pen icon with options for visual editing and source editing.



Text Formatting, Hyperlinks, and Citations



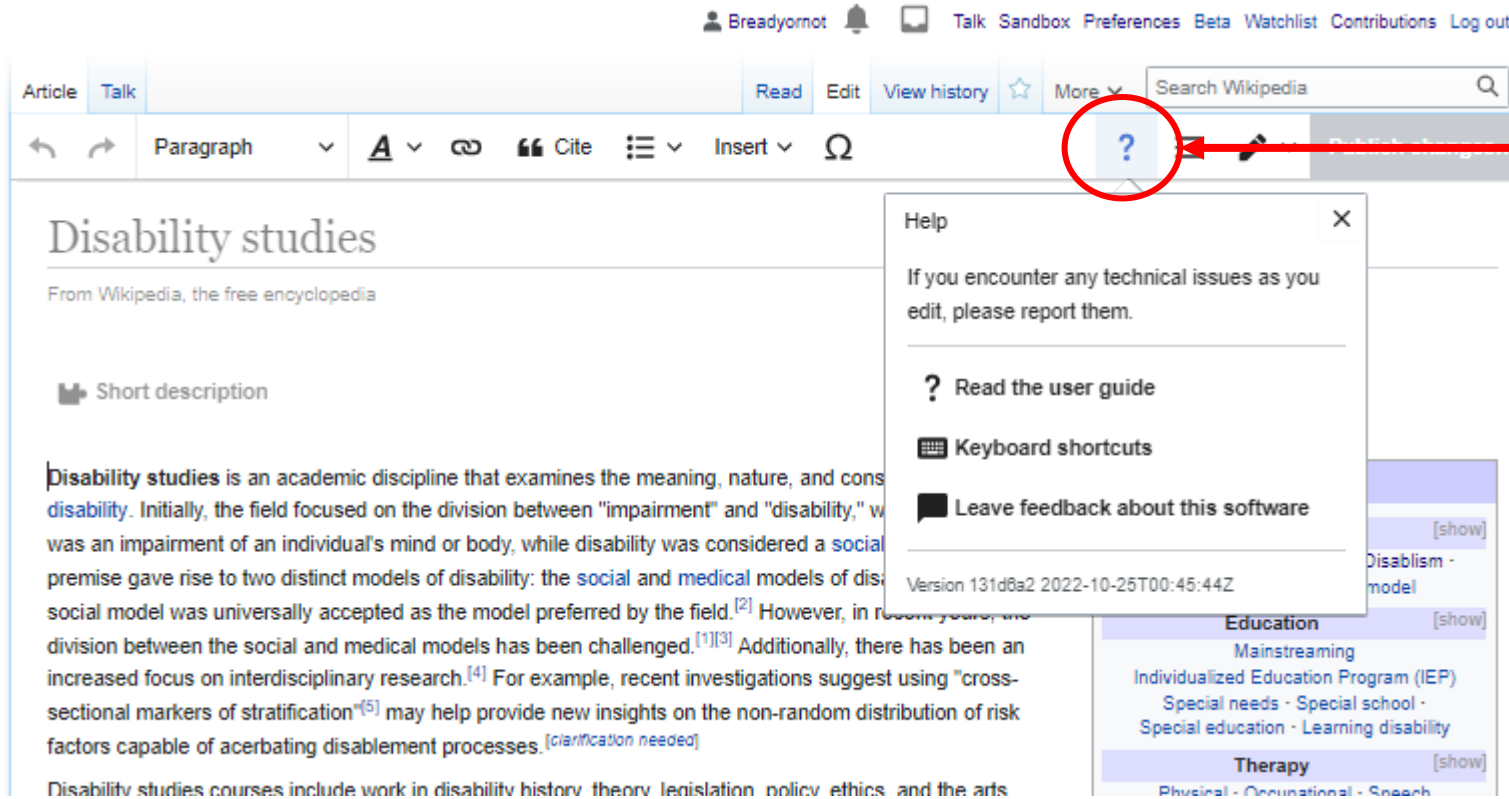
Select the **cite** button to add in-text citations. These can be added automatically or manually.

Select the **chain link** button to create links between Wikipedia articles.

Select the **paragraph** drop down menu to choose different headings, subheadings, and text formatting options.

Image description: A screenshot of the Wikipedia article for Disability studies in visual editor mode. Red circles encompass the button for paragraph (left) chain link (middle), and cite (right). A drop-down menu is present below the pen icon with buttons for visual editing and source editing.

User Guide and Keyboard Shortcuts

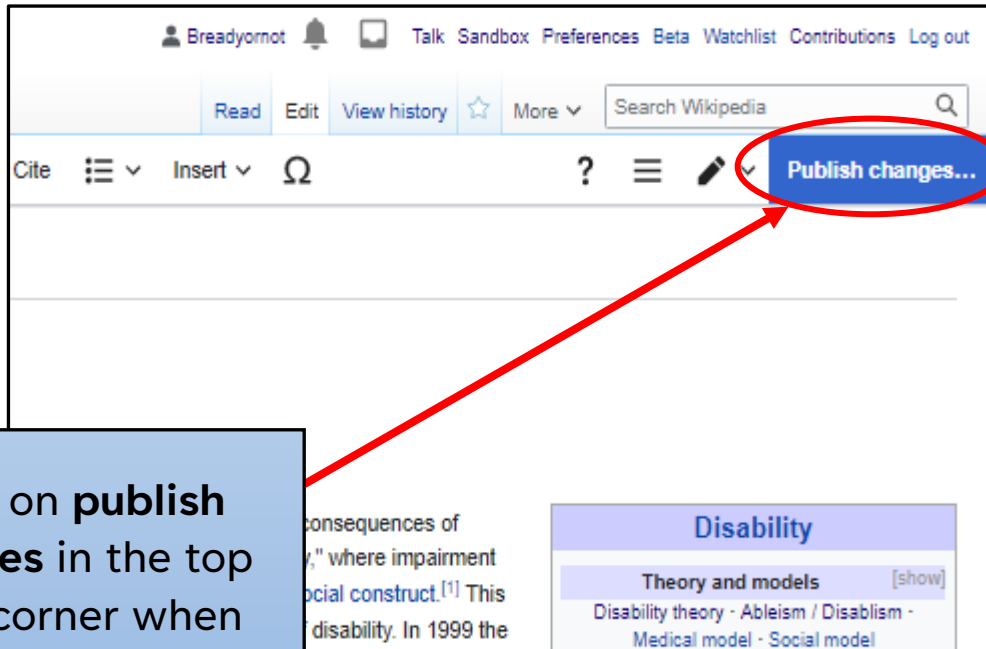


Select the **question mark** button to find keyboard shortcuts and a user guide.

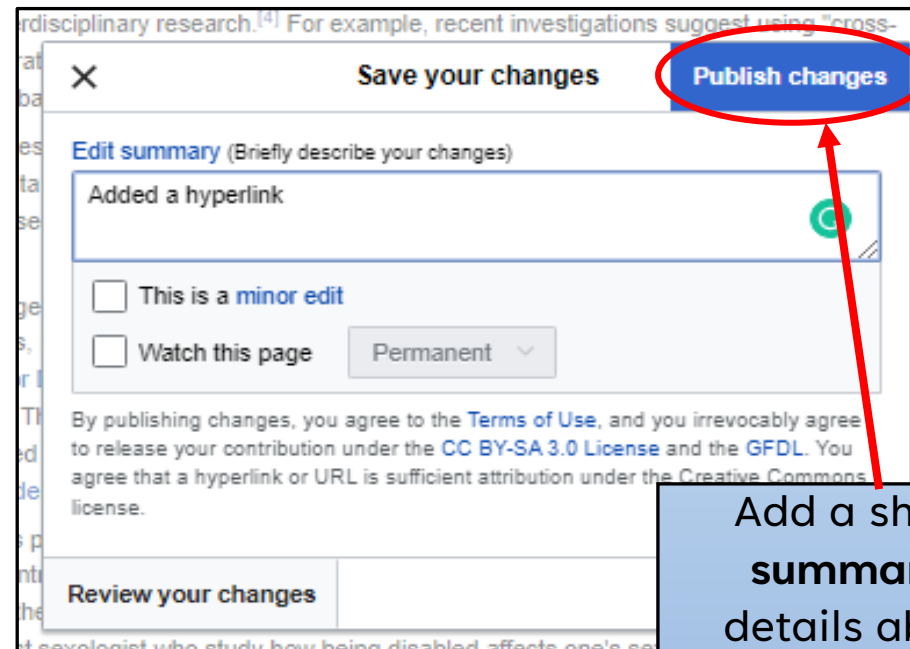
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Publishing



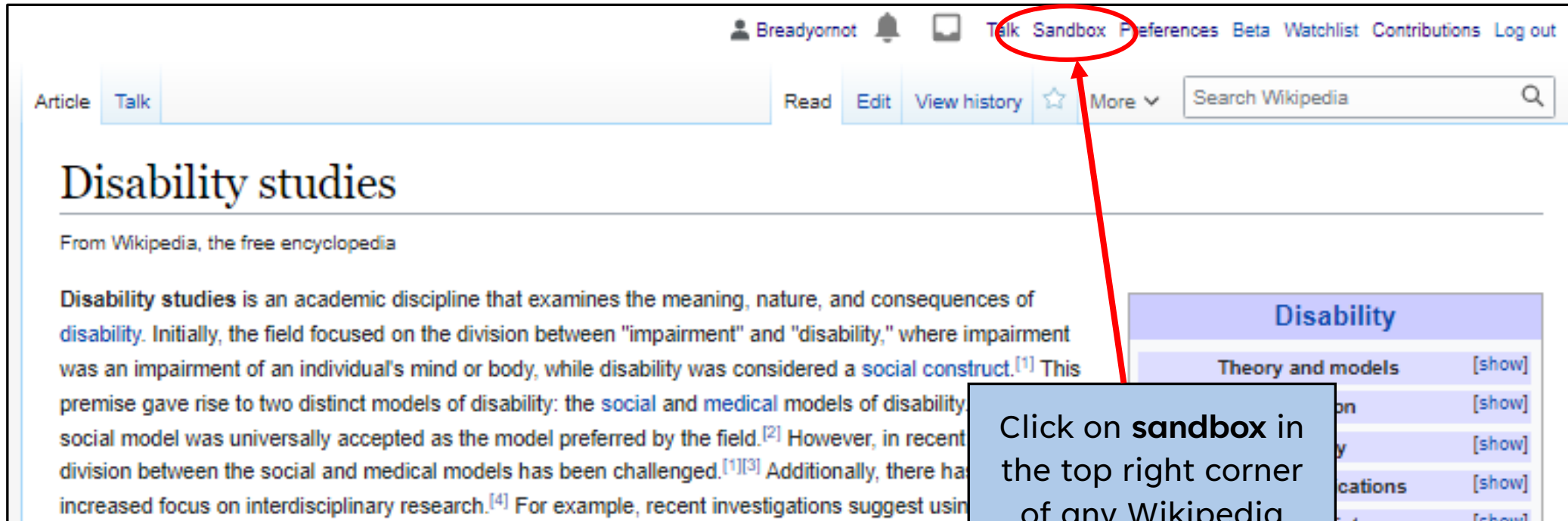
Click on **publish changes** in the top right corner when you are ready to post your edits.



Add a short **edit summary** with details about the edits you published. This summary will be recorded on the view history page.

- Image 1 features a screenshot of the Wikipedia article for Disability studies in visual editor mode. A red circle encompasses the button for publish changes in the top right corner.
- Image 2 features a screenshot of the Wikipedia article for Disability studies in visual editor mode. A red circle encompasses the button for publish changes in the top right corner. A pop-up box with a text field is present in the middle of the screenshot with an edit summary heading.

Creating Article Drafts (1)



Click on **sandbox** in the top right corner of any Wikipedia page to find your personal article draft space.

Image description: A screenshot of the Wikipedia article for Disability studies. A red circle encompasses a hyperlink titled sandbox in the upper right-hand corner.

Creating Article Drafts (2)

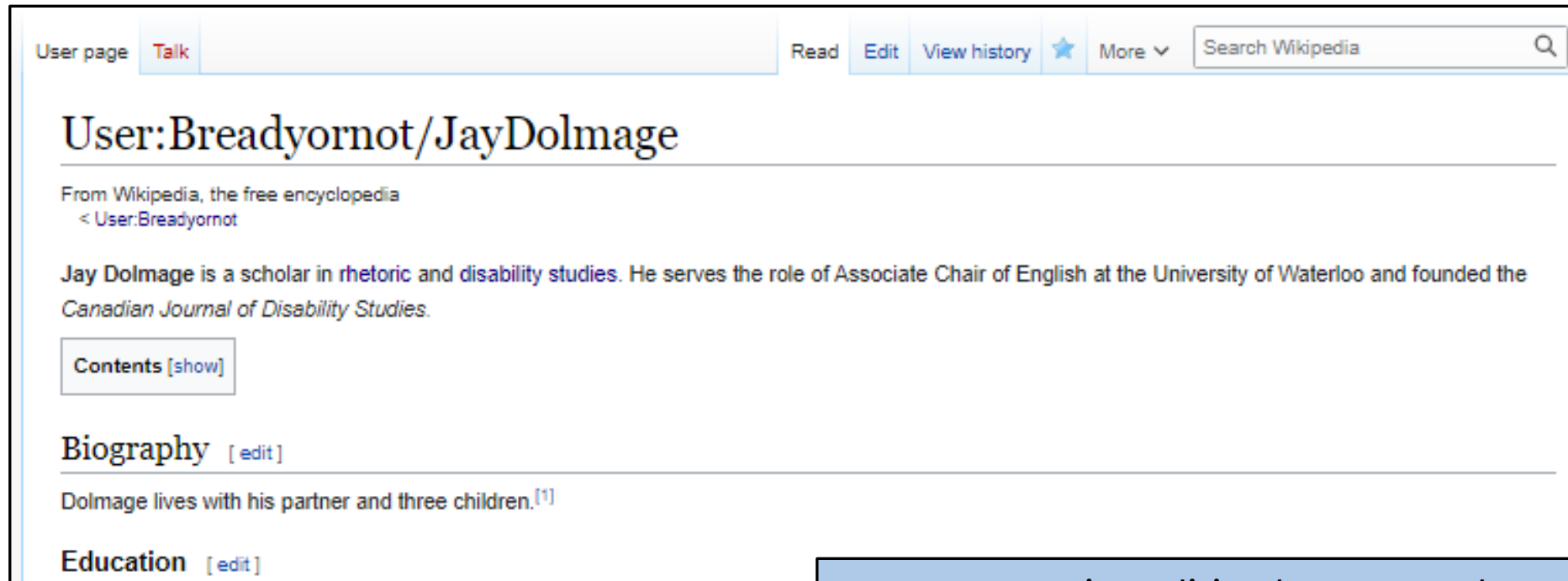


Image description: A screenshot of a user sandbox on Wikipedia.

You may practice editing by copy and pasting sections of articles that need revision or try creating a new article from scratch. When you are finished editing, select “Submit your draft for review” to receive feedback from experienced Wikipedia editors.

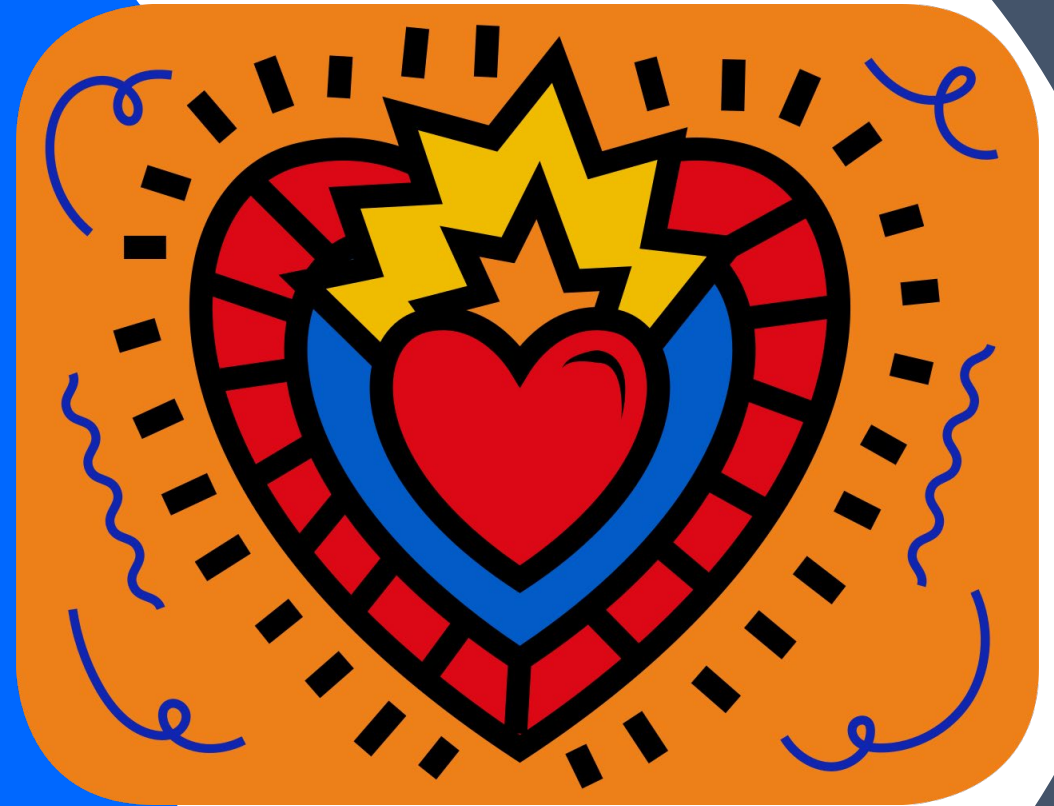
Questions?

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Let's Edit!

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Exercise: Edit an Article

- Make a small edit to an article listed on the event page. Consider contributing copyedits, citations, or external links.
- Add a few areas for improvement to the talk page of the article. Make sure to sign your name with four tildes (~~~~).

