Did You Know submissions

The "Did you know" (DYK) process is used to create a section of Wikipedia's Main Page, which features facts from recently created or expanded Wikipedia articles.

Advanced students participating in the Wikipedia Education Program are encouraged to submit their articles to the DYK process. Not all student articles will meet the criteria, and incomplete or erroneous submissions waste valuable volunteer time, so be sure to double check that your article meets the requirements before you submit.

How DYK works

Individual DYK entries—"hooks"—are submitted to the DYK nomination page, usually by the person who wrote or expanded the article, to be checked by other editors. If problems are found, they must be fixed before the article can appear on the Main Page. Once you address all problems, your hook will make its way to the front of the queue—this usually takes several days—and it will appear on the Main Page for several hours.

Requirements for DYK eligibility

Two kinds of articles are eligible: newly created articles, and recently expanded articles that have grown by a factor of five.

DYK articles must:

• have at least 1500 characters worth of prose;

• be nominated within 5 days of when they were created (or moved into Wikipedia from a sandbox) or the beginning of when they were expanded 5-fold;

• use reliable sources as references, including inline citations to the facts mentioned in the proposed hook;

• be neutral; and

• conform to the core policies of Verifiability, Living Person Biographies and Copyrights—meaning they are based on reliable sources, do not violate the rules about biographies of living people, and have no problems with close paraphrasing or copyright violations of images and/or text.

Nomination procedure

To nominate an article, follow the instructions at DYK suggestions page: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Template_talk:Did_you_know (shortcut: search for "T:TDYK").

1. Compose a hook of no more 200 characters including wiki markup, presenting an interesting fact from the article. It should answer the question "Did you know…", taking the form "… that lorem ipsum dolor?" with wikilinks to the nominated article (in bold) and other relevant articles.

2. In the "How to post a new nomination" section, enter the title of your article and press "Create nomination", then fill out the template form and save the page. For example:

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{{subst:NewDYKnomination
| article = Noise pollution in the United States
| hook = ... that the [[Office of Noise Abatement
and Control]] is responsible for for fighting
'''[[noise pollution in the United States]]'''?
| status = new
| author = PolicyRocker15
}}
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3. Edit the section of the nomination page for the day the article was created or expanded, and add the completed nomination to the top of the section, using the code {{Did you know nominations/Your article title}}.

4. Review another DYK nomination: check that it meets the requirements, add suggestions for improving the hook, and edit your own nomination to note which one you reviewed.

5. Check back on your nomination over the next several days to see if any problems need to be fixed.

6. Once your article has been approved, check the queue to see when it will appear on the Main Page.