Retooling tools: Using Wikipedia in the classroom

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Wikipedia As an Info Source
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San Jose International Airport

Naval Postgraduate School

Monterey Bay Aquarium

News for san jose airport

San Jose Mercury News - 9 days ago
The Suzy Airport list from Airfleetworks.com includes short runways that end at cliffs or oceans and airports that require pilots to deal with ...

First passengers arrive at Dubai’s newest airport
San Jose Mercury News - 2 days ago

Suspicious package at Monterey airport: 1 text
San Jose Mercury News - 1 day ago

San Jose International Airport - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Jose_International_Airport
Norman Y. Mineta San Jose International Airport (IATA: SJC; ICAO: KSJC, FAA LD: SJC) - The San Jose City Council has considered renaming the airport San ...
Wikipedia & Research

• Background information
  • unknown topics
  • learn more about known topics
  • Jumping off point to find resources, books, articles, etc. on a topic
  • Wikipedia is often used as a pathfinder or a research guide.
  • Wikipedia is global so provides 24/7 access to users around the world.
Why a Wikipedia Assignment?

- Popular Resource
- Evaluate Wikipedia as a source of information
  - Need to know the strengths and weaknesses
  - Better understand how to use it for research
- Students will likely use it beyond college
- Teach digital and media literacy skills
Wikipedia As an Info Source

Evaluate each article instead of Wikipedia as a whole
Wikipedia As A Info Lit Tool: Not just a starting point

Article
History

Talk Page

Quality
Scale

References

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Article Evaluation – One shot session

CRAP Test
- Currency
- Reliability
- Accuracy
- Authority
- Purpose/Point of View
Wikipedia Assignment Design

- Article Analysis – In depth assignment
  Talk Page, Article History, References
Wikipedia Analysis – Major assignment

• Analysis of the article and the talk pages
  • Does the article cover all aspects of the topic?
  • Does it provide a good overview of the topic?
  • Is the article biased?
  • What sources are used in the article? Is it well-cited?
  • What issues are discussed on the discussion or talk page?
  • How has the article evolved or changed over time
  • How is knowledge constructed and contested?
  • How are conflicts resolved?