**Getting Started: Wikipedia**

Wikipedia provides easy to understand entries and topic summaries. Use Wikipedia as a starting place for your academic research in the following effective ways:

**#1: Understand the Topic**
The opening section is an overview of the topic. Then there is a Table of Contents that link to more detailed sections of the entry.

Your Topic and Brief Description:

**#2: Keywords**
Note people, phrases, organizations, dates, and other info that could be used as keywords in other searches.

Keywords for your topic. Synonyms and other phrases.

**#3: References**
One of the best things about Wikipedia entries! See the sources that were summarized by the Wikipedia contributors to write this entry. How would you access each source?

**#4: Good to know!**
- Wikipedia allows for both consumption and creation of information. The user dictates what is covered and how it is covered.

- Wikipedia can help you to refine your evaluation skills. You will need to analyze content coverage in a Wikipedia entry and can see the sources used to build the entry.

- Talk tab: The discussion page for an entry where participants discuss potential edits.

- View History tab: revision history for the entry, including links to IP address and profile for editor.

- Tools > Permanent Link: creates a link to the current version of the page when you viewed/cited.

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