

Wiki Tasks for Student Groups

One of the best ways for your research group to “report out” about the controversial topic or global challenge that you are studying in class is to create a wiki page. After your teacher creates student accounts for everyone in your class and introduces you to the basics of wiki work, use the following checklist to organize your group’s collective efforts.

Wiki Tasks	Your Status	Additional Notes/Reminders
Does every member of your group understand how to add content—text, images, links, video—and make edits to your shared wiki page?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Is every member of your group comfortable with having their content revised—and with revising the content posted—by peers, recognizing that wiki pages are constantly changing, shared final products?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Have you worked out a process for solving disagreements—over content, links, and/or layout—that arise as your group’s wiki page evolves?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Does your group have a Link Layer , who will insert links to reliable external sources throughout your shared wiki page? Does your Link Layer know the characteristics of websites that can’t be trusted?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Does your group have a Flow Master , who will edit your text for readability? Is this person an accomplished writer comfortable with making changes?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Does your group have a Spelling Cop , who will ensure that there are no spelling errors in your final product?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Does your group have a Discussion Starter who will start conversations about the progress and quality of your group’s work in the comment section of your shared wiki page? Will your Discussion Starter regularly visit the wiki pages being created by other student groups to collect ideas and make comparisons to your work?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Does your group have a Captain Spit-and-Polish who will add images, manage formatting and embed interesting content to make your shared wiki page more engaging?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Has your group set a starting date and an ending date for adding content and making changes to your shared wiki page that everyone can agree to?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	