Student 1 | Wikipedia Project Follow-up Report | Prompt:

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 As a month has passed since posting my Wikipedia article about the Hexachrome printing system, there have not been any edits except for a robot cleaning up a stub tag. There also has not been any feedback in the talk section about the contributions I made. All of the content that I contributed to the article is still present on the page. As there has not been any changes to the article, except for a minor stub tag clean up, I would not take much into consideration for revision. If anything I might become more acquainted with the use of stub tags. If I could do the project over again without a time constraint on completion, I would definitely read up on more about formatting a Wikipedia page. I would have liked to add pictures to my article to give the reader a visual representation, but getting the minimum requirements turned in on time was a handful for me in itself.

    Now that I have completed the project, I am able to grasp concepts about Wikipedia editing that I was previously unaware existed. For instance, I had never worked with HTML before, and to be honest wasn't exactly sure what it was. Now I am able to edit the content of Wikipedia. This understanding has also made me realize the important downfall of the site; any person can edit the content of Wikipedia with no initial permission. Yes, the site is reviewed and changed by more competent contributors, but the fact that someone like me could edit the information, even for the shortest time, makes me uneasy. Now I really understand that all of my professors are serious when they say, "anybody can add to Wikipedia," and am much more weary of using it.

    I also know how much work goes into a good Wikipedia article, as I have put in the time and effort and received the appropriate grade for doing so. I had no idea about the specific tags used, and how to edit hyperlinks and other features. I always just thought there would be a button at the top that you pushed when you wanted to make a word bold, or linked to another site. It is amazing how much work goes into an extensive Wikipedia entry that has more sections. This project has introduced me to the world of HTML and website editing, which I had zero prior knowledge of.