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After a month, my Wikipedia contribution of Lucien Bull has remained the same with absolutely no changes. I suppose many people do not know enough about Lucien Bull to make many changes or Lucien Bull is not someone who is researched very frequently. Personally, I never really heard of him until I saw him as an option under the Wikipedia stubs for the project.

As I revisit the site, I can see several things that I would have done differently. For one, I would have been more consistent about making small additions to my page so that I could have done more to the finished product. For example, I really wanted an image of Lucien Bull on the page because I feel like the more thorough Wikipedia articles have images of the subject that is being talked about. I tried to add an image, but I could not figure out how exactly I was supposed to add it because every time I tried, I would only get text. I tried to follow the instructions provided by Wikipedia, but I obviously did not figure those out because Lucien Bull would have an image on his Wikipedia page if I had. If I had started a little bit earlier, I would have probably figured that out eventually. Secondly, I would have liked to add more categories that would have gone into further detail about his life and his contributions. Although I have "Early Life" and "Successes", I think the page would have looked even better with another category that maybe talked more about how his contributions are being used today.

Since the Wikipedia project, I have come to realize exactly how difficult it is for content to be entered. It gives me confidence that the contributions being entered into Wikipedia are from people who are familiar or informed in the area or subject that they are inserting because they are actually willing to endure the frustrations that come along with editing a page. With that being said, it also confirms what I previously thought of Wikipedia. Generally, I always use Wikipedia to get a basic idea of the subject that I am researching. I guess you could consider that background knowledge. I never quote or use information from Wikipedia because I never know who entered the information. If I had an extremely difficult time contributing to Wikipedia, who is to say that the person who entered the information on a Wikipedia page that I am working on did not have some of the same issues?

Overall, the Wikipedia project helped me realize that altering information on Wikipedia is not as easy as I had previously believed it to be. It is definitely difficult and requires a lot of knowledge and patience. I do not think that I trust it enough to use it for citation purposes, but for general knowledge and entertaining information, I will definitely continue to use Wikipedia.