

Web 2.0 Collaborative Systems

Friend or Foe

Please read the following articles, research the topics presented on the Internet, and complete the questions provided below on a pbwiki page of your own (cs110usf.pbwiki.com, password=tomas1). PBWiki Submission Due Sunday Night, Feb. 24, midnight

READ:

Nature article on Wikipedia:

<http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v438/n7070/full/438900a.html>

USA Today Article by wrongly accused:

http://www.usatoday.com/news/opinion/editorials/2005-11-29-wikipedia-edit_x.htm

Wikipedia page on the controversy:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Seigenthaler_Sr._Wikipedia_biography_controversy

COMPLETE:

1. Add at least two paragraphs to a wikipedia page of your choice. This is real—please be serious and respectful. Here's a page to help you get started:
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Introduction>
Provide a link to the pages you updated in your wiki document.
2. What is the error rate of wikipedia and that of Encyclopedia Brittanica, as reported by the Nature article listed above? This research has been disputed. Cite some sources and summarize this dispute.
3. In a paragraph or two, summarize John Seigenthaler's arguments against Wikipedia as reported in the USA today article above.
4. In a paragraph or two, summarize counter-arguments to Seigenthaler's arguments—why should Wikipedia be allowed to exist? Cite at least two other sources besides the articles provided.
5. What do you think about the issue?