**Wiki Workshop**

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<http://courses.utulsa.edu/modmag/waste-land-wiki>

Objective: To learn the parts of a MediaWiki wiki and the basics of content creation and editing with wikitext, using the preliminary materials you’ve garnered since last week. The wiki is so highly editable, that it can be used throughout the creative process until tweaked for “final” presentation. You can do all your work on the wiki, if you choose.

**Resources**

* In-depth wikitext examples: <http://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Help:Wikitext_examples>
* Images: <http://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Help:Images_and_other_uploaded_files>
* Extended image arrangement, such as galleries with captions: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Extended_image_syntax>
* Mediawiki Extensions (plugins): <http://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/Category:All_extensions>

**Tour of the Wiki**

* Main Page, Navigation, Toolbox, Upload File, Special Pages
* The Edit, Discussion, and View History Tabs.

**Log in to the wiki.**

Your username is in the format Firstname Lastname (as spelled normally), with password Student365 (case sensitive).

**Change your password**

1. Go to Special Pages (left)
2. Click on the “Preferences” link in the **Users and Rights** area
3. Click on the “Change password” link
4. Enter your current password and then a new one. Click on the “Change password” button.

**Creating a New Wiki Page**

1. Go to the home page and click on the Edit tab.
2. Create a page for your group by clicking on the [edit] link next to the Working Group Pages header.
3. Between double brackets, type your group’s name or some meaningful title related to the content (i.e. [[Media]])
4. Click on the Save button.
5. On the newly edited page, find your link in red (red means there’s no content there yet), click on it, and then start editing the page with the content you’ve garnered so far.

**Editing a Wiki Page**

Edit any wiki page by clicking on the Edit tab near the top. There are buttons to help you accomplish some basic formatting, but you’ll likely need to supplement them with hand-coded elements. These basic formatting codes will help you get started; you’ll likely want to refer to the wikitext examples linked above as you start having more sophisticated ideas for presentation.

*Headers*

* Place text between double equal signs: == Header Text ==  
  ***Note:*** When you have 4 or more headers, MediaWiki automatically generates a table of content at the top of the page.
* The more equal signs you use, the smaller the header text (for hierarchical organization)

*Text Formatting*

* *Italics*. Place text between two apostrophes, i.e ‘‘Book Title’’
* **Bold*.*** Place text between three apostrophes, i.e. ‘‘‘look at this’’’
* ***Italics & Bold***. Place text between five apostrophes, i.e. ‘’’’’WHOAH!’’’’’

*External Links*

* Simply copy-paste the URL and it will appear as a link: <http://example.com>
* Titled link (neater): enclose URL in single brackets, with a space between the URL and the title text.
  + [http://example.com Example Dot Com] will appear as [Example Dot Com](http://example.com)

*Internal Links*

* Place between double brackets the title of the wiki page to which you want to link, i.e. [[History and Context]] links to a page you’ve created and titled History and Context.
* Given an internal link an alternate title after the pipe. To link to the page History and Context, but to have the link read “The Waste Land’s History and Context,” the code would look like this:
  + [[History and Context|The Waste Land’s History and Context]]

**Uploading Files**

1. Go to “Upload file” in the Toolbox area.
2. Select the file with the Browse… button.
3. Give the file a descriptive summary.
4. Click on the “Upload file” button to save.

**Linking to or Embedding Internal Files**

* [[Image:Yourfile.jpg]]
* [[File:Yourdocument.pdf]]
* [[Media:Yourvideo.mov]]

**Embedding Flash Videos from the Web (i.e YouTube, Vimeo]]**

* <videoflash type=“service”>videonumber</videoflash>

So, for this Vimeo video…

<http://vimeo.com/9726202>

… the code would be:

* <videoflash type=“vimeo”>9726202</videoflash>

This line identifies Vimeo as the service with the video’s identifying number (from the URL) between the <videoflash> tags.

For this YouTube video…

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GpimsgfNj7c&feature=player_embedded>

… the code would look like this:

* <videoflash type=”youtube”>GpimsgfNj7c</videoflash>

Where youtube is the service and the video ID number is taken from the first URL string following “?v=”.