Wikipedia Editathon: How to Guide

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What is the AAPB?
Mission

A collaboration between the Library of Congress and WGBH Educational Foundation to coordinate a national effort to digitally preserve and make accessible historically significant public radio and television programming that has aired over the past 70+ years.

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117,000+ historic programs | 57,000+ streaming online
Access the digital library at online at americanarchive.org
AAPB at a Glance

News and Public Affairs Programs
Compare how national and international events have shaped local communities from the late 1940s to 2019

Unedited and Raw Interviews
Eyewitnesses of historic events, authors, and historians

Live Coverage
From latter half of the 20th century through the present

Cultural Programming
Programming by, for, and about local communities

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Curated Exhibits

- Selected recordings that focus on themes, topics, and events of cultural and historical significance.
- Contextualize digitized primary and secondary source public television and radio materials.

Check out:
- Televising Black Politics in the Black Power Era: Black Journal and Soul!
- Voices from the Southern Civil Rights Movement
- “Gavel-to-Gavel”: The Watergate Scandal and Public Television
- Climate Change Conversations: Causes, Impacts, Solutions
- And more!

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Special Collections

Over 50 individual collections are highlighted, sharing a specific series, or community of voices that would otherwise not be as obvious in a general search.

Check out:
Series PBS NewsHour, Say Brother, Woman, Vegetable Soup

Documentaries Vision Maker Media, National Educational Television, John Beyer

Raw interviews Eyes on the Prize, American Burns’ The Civil War

Topical Jewish American Heritage, LGBT+

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Why are Wikipedia Editathons important?

Because you help:

- Provide a verifiable source to reference information.
- Strengthen the open source articles on Wikipedia with vetted, historically significant public radio and television content created by public broadcasting throughout the past 70+ years.
How to:
Create a User Page on Wikipedia
Step 1: Log in to Wikipedia

1. Go to en.wikipedia.org
2. Create username or log in (top right)
● All users/editors are assigned a user page
● Access user page by selecting your username (top right)
Step 2: Set Editing Preferences to Activate Visual Editor

1. Open the Wiki event page or any Wikipedia article
2. Select ‘Preferences’ (Top right of the page)
3. Select the ‘Editing’ tab
4. Scroll down to ‘Editor’
5. Select ‘Show me Both Editor Tabs’ from the ‘Editing Mode’ dropdown menu
6. Save (Bottom left)
Step 3: Editing with Visual Editor = What you see is what you get (mostly)

1. Locate article
2. Select ‘Edit’
3. Unsure if you are in Visual Editor? Select the Pencil (red arrow), select ‘Visual editing’
4. Edit as you would in a word processor
Which citation should I use?

In-line citation, external link or hyperlink?
In-line Citations are used to reference external sources that support verifiable statements in the main text of the Wikipedia article. These citations automatically create “references” or “notes” at the bottom of the article page based on the in-line citation source.

History

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) originally awarded a construction permit to Waltham-based electronics company Raytheon to build a television station that would transmit on VHF channel 2 in Boston. Raytheon planned to launch a commercial television station using the call letters WRTB-TV (for "Raytheon Television Broadcasting"). However, after some setbacks and the cancellation of the construction permit license, WRTB never made it on the air, paving the way for the FCC to allocate channel 2 for non-commercial educational use. WGBH subsequently applied for and received a license to operate on that channel. The WGBH Educational Foundation obtained initial start-up funds for WGBH-TV from the Lincoln and Therese Filene Foundation. It is also thought by legend that Raytheon pushed quietly for the FCC to assign WGBH the channel 2 license after it was unable to utilize it.

References

External Links are used to reference external, non-Wikipedia pages. The ‘External Links’ section is usually located at the bottom of the Wikipedia article, however, some articles may not have this section and can be added.

External Links  [edit]

Hyperlinked text is used for internal reference to other Wikipedia articles only. You can hyperlink within the main text of the article, as well as in the ‘External Link’ section.

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How to:
Create Citations

In-line citations, external links and hyperlinks
In-line Citations are used for main article text only:

1. After logging in to Wikipedia, click the ‘edit’ hyperlink next to the section of the article you would like to edit.

2. Place cursor in desired location of the main text, select ‘Cite’ in the edit bar above the text.

3. Follow prompts to automatically generate a citation based on the copied URL to the AAPB record page.

4. If you are done, select ‘Publish Changes...’
External links are used to link-out to AAPB record pages that support the article’s topic.

1. After logging in to Wikipedia, click the ‘edit’ hyperlink next to the section of the article you would like to edit.

2. Copy text from the ‘Citation’ drop-down on the AAPB record page. You only need to copy the citation from the beginning to the end of “American Archive of Public Broadcasting”.

Steps continue...
External links continued:

3. Paste the citation you copied from the AAPB ‘Citations’ drop-down on to Wikipedia

4. Highlight the text and then select the ‘Link’ icon

5. Select ‘External site’

6. Paste the URL from the AAPB website

7. Select ‘Done’ and ‘Publish Changes...’
Internal Hyperlinks in the External Links section are used if you would like to include hyperlinks to the other Wikipedia articles for more information about the AAPB or original producers (when available).

1. Follow steps 1-3 for citing ‘External Links’
2. Edit the citation into a complete sentence. It’s helpful to include special guests, the original producer, year of broadcast, and the ‘American Archive of Public Broadcasting’.
3. Select ‘Wikipedia’ tab and choose the relevant Wikipedia page
4. Select ‘Done’ and ‘Publish Changes…’
Using the AAPB Wikipedia Event Page
Navigate to the Event Page

Go to Wikipedia the following into the search bar:

**WP: WMDC-AAPB2020**

or go to

About the Event Page

- A useful Wikimedia page with links to Wikipedia policies, practices, etc. Also includes a list of resources from the AAPB to use while editing today’s featured content.

- This page will remain live and accessible after the event.