# Wikipedia Editing Assignment

Your task is to choose a Wikipedia article on a musical topic and add a couple (2-5) sentences to this article, citing at least one source for the information you added. Then, write two paragraphs explaining why you chose the article and the significance of the added information.

Keep in mind that you are intervening in a space where 90% of editors identify as male, and a space with a systemic racial bias.

## How-to edit:

1. Make a Wikipedia account, which just requires a username and a password. Your username can be DWM2018+your initials (so mine would be DWM2018LV)
2. Choose an article to edit: this can be a topic close to your heart or something that's a new area of interest for you. You might choose to research a musical instrument, a musician, a musical practice, a musical culture, a recording company, music therapy, music education, the musical extracurriculars offered at your school…anything.
3. Do a bit of research: find journalistic articles, academic books, interviews, podcasts…it's all fair game, but be judicious about using reputable sources! Every piece of information you add should be clearly cited.
4. Make your edit and cite your source.

## How-to submit the assignment:
1. The title of the Wikipedia article will be the title of your assignment.
2. Copy and paste the paragraph (or at least a couple sentences) surrounding your added sentence(s) underneath the title, and **format your added sentence in bold,** so that I know what you added. Example:

Moor Mother or Moor Mother Goddess is an experimental music project by Camae Ayewa, a musician and poet from Philadelphia, United States.[1] Her work has been labelled "hardcore poetry," "power electronics," "slaveship punk," and "protest music."[2][3] **Ayewa herself resists categorization, preferring to self-identify through terms such as "time traveller" and "truth teller."[4]** A self-described Afrofuturist, she uses spacetime-bending sound and lyricism to reformulate concepts of memory, history, and the future in an afrocentric or afrodiasporic tradition.

3. Follow up your edit with the two paragraphs: 150-200 words explaining why it was important to you to edit the article you chose, and 150-200 words explaining the significance of the added information.

## Grading Criteria
**Content of edit 5 pts**
Did you add new content to the Wikipedia article and cite a source for this content?
**Quality of edit 5 pts**
Is your added sentence well written? Does it blend into the paragraph where you added it?
**Statement of intent 10 pts**
Did you communicate the reasoning behind your choice of article and content clearly and effectively?

Complete this assignment in a way that reflects who you are as a music student and what interests you about music and music scholarship.

## Deadlines
**Thursday February 15:** come to class having chosen the article you want to edit. I will ask you to write the full name of the article on a notecard and share with the rest of the class.
**Thursday February 22:** come to class with a hard copy of the completed assignment.