

A wiki is a project where a group of students can work together, such as coming up with a mission or vision statement for a company. Wikis are quick collaborative spaces that have a number of excellent characteristics for student collaboration.

The following are instructions on how to work on a wiki with your fellow students.

Creating Wiki Pages

1. In the content area where the wiki resides, click **View**.
2. Click **Add New Page** link.
3. Enter the page title and click **Continue**.
4. Create your new page in the editing pane.
5. Click **Save** when finished.
6. Comments can be added by entering text in the *Reply* box, and clicking **Post**.

Viewing Wiki History

After students have started collaborating on a document, you can use the History link to view and compare changes.

1. With the Wiki page showing, click the **History** link for that page. A list of page versions displays, with the latest version at the top, and each version identified by author and date.
2. From here, you can view a single version, compare versions or restore a version:
 - Select a version, then click **View**.
 - Select a version, then click **Restore**.
 - Select two versions (Ctrl-click or Command-click on Mac), then click **Compare**. The following example shows (in colored highlighting) changes made in Version 3.

Version 3
Edited by Ron Schilling on 2/18/2011 at 2:17 PM, MST.

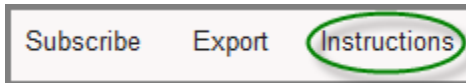
Imagine, if you will, that you assign a group project. In the past, your experience might have been as follows:
You assign 3 students to work on a group paper. The students meet and assign out what each of them will tackle. They also may email a document to each other and have many "live" copies of the document. But what often occurs if you have a student knocking on your door saying that a student isn't doing their work and everyone else is having to do extra work. The student might mention that it is unfair that the student who does none of the work will get the same grade as the students who do all of the work. In response, you may ask the students to grade each other and account for their feedback in the grading.

Your new experience could be different using a wiki. With a wiki students can all edit one document. But what is really great is, as the instructor, you can view the history of how the document evolved. You can see specifically who contributed what content to the document. Additionally, the document can include links to other files, videos, images, etc. So instead of submitting a Word document, your groups might submit a wiki that contains all of the information needed for the paper as well as the history to see who contributed to the assignment.

Check out the history of this wiki, you can see how it evolved and even compare versions. Imagine the possibilities for your students.

Viewing Instructions

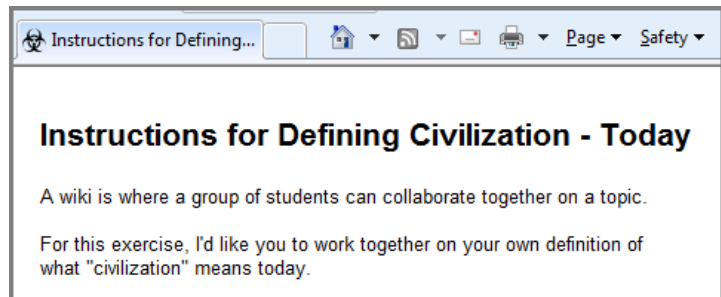
Your instructor may tell you to view special instructions on creating a wiki.



1. From within the wiki, click the **Instructions** link (towards the upper right corner of the page).

A separate window pops up.

2. After reading the instructions, close the browser window.



Subscribing to a Wiki

1. From within the wiki, click **Subscribe**.
2. Check the box for Email Notifications, then click **Save**.

Exporting a Wiki

1. From within the wiki, click **Export**.
2. Under Format, choose whether to export as "a standalone web site" (multiple web pages) or as a "single web page."
3. Choose whether to include tags and/or comments, then click **Export**. Follow the instructions to finish the export of the zip file to your computer.