**Evaluating Web Information: Exploring Wikipedia**

Go to Wikipedia. Make sure you are in the English version. Follow the instructions below in order to **critically analyze** Wikipedia information.

1. Find the Wikipedia entry for **Wikipedia**. After skimming this article, and from your own experiences, in your opinion what are Wikipedia’s strengths and weaknesses?

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2. Find the entry for American Civil War. In partners, search for the authors of this entry. Hint: Look for the **View History** tab: Who is Jim Wae? In the space below, describe the authors.

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3. Look at the **References** section at the bottom of the American Civil War entry. What kinds of sources are listed there? How might this information help you write a paper about the Civil War?

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4. Justify a situation when it would be **appropriate** to use the information from the American Civil War Wikipedia entry. In what situations would it be **inappropriate** to use this information? Why?

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