

## Short assignment

**50 points**

**Due: 8 February, 10 am**

Select one article from the “Did you know...” section of Wikipedia’s main page and copyedit at least 150 words of it (see list of copyediting issues below). If, at any point, you are unsure of how to reword a sentence or what a sentence is supposed to mean, leave a message on the “Talk” page of the article, requesting clarification from the editors of the article. Engage them in a conversation.

**Due 1 February, 10 am:** To do this assignment, you will first need to register as a user on Wikipedia. After you have done so, email me the name of your user account (awadewit@indiana.edu).

### How to register:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/User:Proteins/New\\_user\\_account\\_tutorial](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/User:Proteins/New_user_account_tutorial)

### Talk page guidelines:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Talk>

- Be polite.
- Sign your posts with four tildas (~~~~) – This will automatically add your username and a timestamp to your post.
- Offer advice about how to improve the article with well-reasoned explanations.
- Start new posts at the bottom of the “Talk” page, beginning each new section with a section name relevant to the topic and set apart from previous sections by a second-level header (e.g. “==Copyediting suggestions==”).
- Identify yourself as a new user.

### Copyediting questions:

- How can the sentences be made more concise?
- How can the sentence structure be made more varied?
- How can the sentence structures better emphasize the important ideas?
- How can the diction be made more precise?
- Are there any grammar errors that need fixing?
- Are there any spelling and punctuation errors that need fixing?