



The Did you know? Process



How it works

As an incentive to content-producing editors, Wikipedia offers the Did You Know? (DYK) process. Any editor, though usually the main author of an article, can nominate an interesting fact about a recently created or expanded article. The fact, called a hook, is a wikified statement that finishes the beginning of the interrogative, "Did you know...?"

The fact must be explicitly sourced in the article. The editor nominates the fact at the suggestion page (T:TDYK). An image can also be included in the nomination, however it is more difficult for an image to be accepted since each batch of DYKs includes eight hooks, but only one image.

Once verified, the hook goes in a queue and is eventually hosted on the Main Page. The entire process takes about four days, but possibly more. After nomination, the process is run by the DYK coordinators.

Requirements

- Article must contain at least 1,500 characters of prose for a new article, or at least five times the characters of the previous version for an expanded article. References, images, captions, lists, block quotes, etc. don't count.
- Nomination must occur within five days of the new or expanded article coming live.
- Article (and especially the hook fact in the article) must be properly sourced, using inline citations.
- Article must follow the core principles of Wikipedia: neutrality (WP:N), use of reliable and verifiable sources (WP:RS and WP:V), no original research (WP:NOR), and it follow the rules of biographies of living people (WP:BLP), etc.
- Hook must contain fewer than 200 characters; wikicode (e.g., piped links) do not count toward that count (i.e., [[List of Presidents of the United States|US President]] counts as 11 characters). Link to the featured article must be **bold** and the hook should link to other relevant articles as well.
- Add the code listed below to T:TDYK under today's date; be willing to respond to questions about the hook, sources, etc. Someone from DYK will inform you on your talk page when your hook is featured.

Wikicode

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{{subst:NewDYKnom |article= |hook=... that? |status= |author= |nominator= |image= |rollover= |alttext= }}
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Example

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{{subst:NewDYKnom
|article= Empire State Building
|hook=... that the '''[[Empire State Building]]''' was the [[History of the tallest buildings in the world|tallest building in the world]] from 1931 until 1972?
|status= expanded
|author= Jimbo Wales
|nominator= Jimbo Wales
|image= New York City Empire State 2010.jpg
|rollover= Empire State Building at dusk
|alttext= View of the Empire State Building at dusk}}
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Pick either new or expanded

Italicized text is optional

In a nutshell...

Get recognition for your new or recently expanded article by having a qualified fact hosted on the Main Page for six hours. The Main Page gets around 5.5 million daily hits, offering a great opportunity to share your work with the masses.

Getting Around
 Rules: WP:DYK
 Suggestions: T:TDYK

Getting Help: WT:DYK