CS 5306 / INFO 5306: Crowdsourcing and Human Computation

Spring 2016
Assignment 2
Due: Thursday, 10 March 2016

The goal of this assignment is to make you familiar with the experience of working on a Wikipedia article.

1. Review the Wikipedia tutorial: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Tutorial.
2. Please review Wikipedia's username policy, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Username_policy, then create a user account: https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Special:UserLogin/signup.
3. Wikipedia has a "sandbox" where you can play around with editing Wikipedia pages. Please give it a try: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Sandbox. A one-page guide to Wikipedia's markup language can be found at https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/b/b3/Wiki_markup_cheatsheet_EN.pdf. See also https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:Wiki_markup.
4. Create a userpage for yourself. Click the "Edit" tab (located between "Read" and "View History") to edit your userpage. See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:User_pages.
5. Do one of the following tasks:
   o Improve an article's sources. See https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/3/36/RefCodeHandout.pdf and https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:Referencing_for_beginners.
   o Copyedit an article – correct grammar, punctuation, simplify language, or otherwise make some text correct and/or easier to read.
   o If you speak more than one language, compare articles on the same topic in two different languages and if one is lacking information given by the other, translate it and add it to the one that is lacking.
   o Add a relevant chart, graph, or other image to an article. Note that the material cannot be copyrighted. See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:How_to_create_charts_for_Wikipedia_articles.
   o Add to or correct information in existing article. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Wikipedia_backlog. If you do something in the medical domain, please note the information at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:WikiProject_Medicine/How_to_edit
   o Create a new article. The content produced for these assignments is similar to a literature review.
   o Participate in a discussion about an article.
   o Select a task from http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Wikipedia_backlog to do.

In your submission please include a URL(s) pointing whatever work you did, and answer the following questions:

1. How did you select the task to perform? How did it relate to the article's history?
2. Did you interact with other Wikipedians? If so, briefly describe your experience.
3. Were you satisfied with the experience? Explain.