

Moving out of your sandbox

When your article is a good start, with a few solid, well-sourced paragraphs giving an overview of the topic, it's time to move it into Wikipedia proper.

Don't spend any longer than necessary in your sandbox. Being part of Wikipedia means other editors will pay more attention to new developments. It's much easier to fix problems early on, when an article is still small, than to try to repair problems in a large article that is added all at once. The ideal time to move is just shortly after you start writing.

How to move your article

1. Determine the title for your article. Look at similar topics to find an appropriate name. Avoid unnecessary capitalization, which is usually only needed for proper nouns.
2. Go to your sandbox article by clicking "My sandbox" in the upper right navigation links. In the pulldown menu near the search box, choose "Move".
3. From the dropdown that currently says "User", choose "(Article)" instead.
4. Put the title into the "to new title" input box that currently says "YourUserName/sandbox".
5. Explain the reason for the move. For example, "I'm moving my sandbox article into Wikipedia."
6. Click "Move page".

Note that in order to move a page into Wikipedia (or create a new article directly) your account must be at least 4 days old with at least 10 edits. If you aren't able to move the page yourself, you can ask another editor to do it for you.