



# Camp Wiki, Wiki Watch Me!

## What's a Wiki?

- Derived from a Hawaiian term for *quick*
- A tool that allows people to *collaborate* on a web-based document – if two heads are better than one, hundreds of heads must be great!
- Example – Wikipedia which allows anyone to edit the informational portion of an “encyclopedia” entry.

## Try this

- Follow this link to the Wikipedia page about Navajo County: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Navajo\\_County%2C\\_Arizona](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Navajo_County%2C_Arizona) . Do you see the paragraph under Geography that begins with “Many people think that Arizona ...”? I wrote that.
- Now **you** add or change something. Click on the word [edit] by the heading that corresponds to the topic you want to edit. Please note that if you don't create an account (they ask for is a username, password, and email address) your IP address will be recorded (this helps reduce malicious behavior). It may be possible for someone to identify you from your IP address, but that may not be a concern from your school's server.

## So What? How can I use Wikis in my classroom?

- Ask students to create and/or contribute to a Wikipedia entry about a topic related to your subject – information and/or punctuation/grammar.
- Use a Wiki to gather info and collaborate for a major assignment
- Whole class research paper (use [www.docs.google.com](http://www.docs.google.com))
- Share resources by creating a Biblio-Wiki to which everyone contributes
- Anything you had students write out and then spent hours collating
- Create a spreadsheet (use [www.docs.google.com](http://www.docs.google.com)) and have students contribute data (science project, data collection, survey, character analysis, any data that you could organize into a spreadsheet – be creative.)
- Posting your syllabus and gathering feedback on assignments
- Classroom discussion/debate or calendar
- More ideas:
  - [http://wik.ed.uiuc.edu/index.php/Wiki\\_in\\_a\\_K-12\\_classroom](http://wik.ed.uiuc.edu/index.php/Wiki_in_a_K-12_classroom)
  - <http://timfredrick.pbwiki.com/>
  - [http://scienceofspectroscopy.info/edit/index.php?title=Using\\_wiki\\_in\\_education](http://scienceofspectroscopy.info/edit/index.php?title=Using_wiki_in_education)

## Wiki Resources

*There are numerous places to create a wiki.*

### IDEAL-

[www.ideal.azed.gov](http://www.ideal.azed.gov) under My IDEAL, My Workspaces – users must have an IDEAL account or be invited to view your workspace. You can add a wiki to your my workspace page.

[www.docs.google.com](http://www.docs.google.com) for word processing, spreadsheets, calendars, photos – this is not technically a wiki, only people invited can see.

[www.wikispaces.com/](http://www.wikispaces.com/)

[pbwiki.com/](http://pbwiki.com/)

[www.writeboard.com](http://www.writeboard.com)

[www.wetpaint.com/](http://www.wetpaint.com/)

*There are many, many places to create a wiki. If you don't see something you like here, search for more – they're there!*

*Have fun with it!*

*If you need help, contact me. We'll walk through it together.*