

Using Credible Internet Sources



What does this mean for us?



- **Choose sources that are reviewed for accuracy.**
 - Academic journals online are nearly always peer reviewed.
 - Look for websites marked .edu or .gov – this means they are published by an educational or governmental institution.
 - Look for websites known to be authorities on the subject (like, NASA for space exploration).
 - Well-known periodicals (ex. The New York Times) generally report factually and objectively – the articles are edited before being published.

Why wouldn't we want to use Wikipedia?



- Let's take a look at Wikipedia's "about us" page...

Wikipedia:About

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

A general introduction for visitors to Wikipedia. The project also has an encyclopedia article about itself: [Wikipedia](#), and some [introductions for aspiring contributors](#).

Wikipedia (/wɪkiˈpiːdi.ə or /wɪkiˈpiːdi.ə *WIK-i-PEE-dee-ə*) is a multilingual, web-based, free-content encyclopedia project based on an openly editable model. The name "Wikipedia" is a portmanteau of the words *wiki* (a technology for creating collaborative websites, from the Hawaiian word *wiki*, meaning "quick") and *encyclopedia*. Wikipedia's articles provide links to guide the user to related pages with additional information.

Wikipedia is written collaboratively by a large number of volunteers. In certain cases where editing is restricted, it is not written collaboratively.

The fundamental principles by which Wikipedia is written are: there is no formal requirement to be familiar with the subject matter of an article.

Since its creation in 2001, Wikipedia has become one of the most visited websites in the world. There are more than 82,000 active contributors and over 4 million articles. Millions of thousands of visitors from around the world visit the site each day. (see also *Wikipedia:Statistics*.)

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Wikipedia is not a traditional encyclopedia; however, it is not a traditional encyclopedia.

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“Wikipedia is written collaboratively by largely anonymous Internet volunteers who write without pay. Anyone with Internet access can write and make changes to Wikipedia articles...”

Questions to ask yourself



- Who is the author? What qualifies him/her to speak on the subject?
- Who is sponsoring this website? Are any biases at play?
- Where did she/he get this information?
- Can you verify this information from another source?
- When was the website published?
- Has it been updated recently?

Let's Practice




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NIMH National Institute of Mental Health
Transforming the understanding and treatment of mental illness through research

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Suicide in the U.S.: Statistics and Prevention

 A fact sheet of statistics on suicide with information on treatments and suicide prevention.

- Introduction
- What are the risk factors for suicide?
- Are women or men at higher risk?
- Is suicide common among children and young people?
- Are older adults at risk?
- Are Some Ethnic Groups or Races at Higher Risk?
- What are some risk factors for nonfatal suicide attempts?
- What can be done to prevent suicide?
- What should I do if I think someone is suicidal?
- For More Information About Suicide
- References

Suicide is a major, preventable public health problem. In 2007, it was the tenth leading cause of death in the U.S., accounting for 34,598 deaths.¹ The overall rate was 11.3 suicide deaths per 100,000 people.¹ An estimated 11 attempted suicides occur per every suicide death.¹

Suicidal behavior is complex. Some risk factors vary with age, gender, or ethnic group and may occur in combination or change over time.

Would this be a credible source?

Let's Practice (cont.)



What
about
this
site?
Why?

The screenshot shows a web browser window with two tabs: 'Blackboard Learn' and 'Teen Suicide Statistics'. The address bar shows the URL 'teenissues.wordpress.com/2009/12/21/teen-suicide-statistics/'. The page has a blue header with the text 'Help for Teen Problems and Issues' and 'For parents and teens!'. Below the header are navigation links for 'HOME' and 'ABOUT'. A left sidebar contains a 'Categories' list with items like Abuse, ADHD, Alcohol, BUYER BEWARE, Depression, Drugs, Education, Family, Health, Parenting, Pregnancy, Problems, Sex, Suicide, and Uncategorized. Below that is an 'Archives' section listing months from September 2011 to August 2010. The main content area features a post titled '< Teen Suicide' with the sub-heading 'Teen Suicide Statistics' and the text 'Posted by lilsis2 on December 21, 2009'. The post body contains several paragraphs of text discussing teen suicide statistics and prevention.

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Help for Teen Problems and Issues

For parents and teens!

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- July 2011
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- May 2011
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Teen Suicide Statistics

Posted by lilsis2 on December 21, 2009

Teen suicide is a serious issue in the United States. It is one of the leading causes of death for our youth, second only to car accidents. It is on the rise again. More actions need to be taken for suicide prevention.

According to a study performed by the University of Texas, 75% of people who commit suicide are **depressed**.

About 8 out of every 100,000 teens commit suicide. (National Institute for Mental Health – NIMH)

According to the National Youth Violence Prevention Center, 1 in 5 teens think about suicide, about 1 in 6 plan to commit suicide.

The ratio of male to female suicides is 4 to 1, however, females make more suicide attempts than males.

Biological relatives of a suicidal person are 6 times more likely to **commit suicide** than are adopted relatives.

Experts estimate that for every 10 teenage suicides, there are 10 more suicide attempts.

As many as 8 out of 10 teens who attempt suicide reach out for help first, and do not find it.

Most teens who attempt suicide say that they did not want to end their lives, but could not see any other way.

Since almost all teen suicides are depression related, a stronger emphasis needs to be placed on **treatin**

Brainstorm



- What keywords will you use to research your topic? Jot down three or more.
- Alone or with a partner, come up with a synonym for each keyword.

copy	duplicate
poison	toxin
inspect	examine
caution	care
danger	hazard