



### A wiki...

1. invites all users to edit or create new pages
2. promotes meaningful topic associations
3. seeks to involve the user in the process of creation and collaboration

Cunningham & Leuf, 2001

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### The life of a typical class paper



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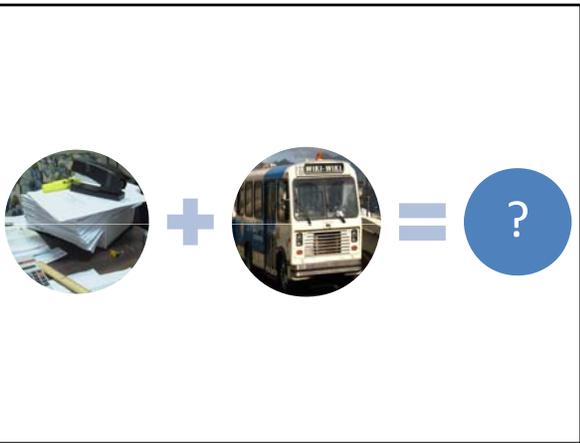
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### Goals

1. Allow students to create and contribute to a meaningful project
2. Have an end product that was useful to both students and others
3. Make it an ongoing, dynamic project
4. License under [Creative Commons](#)

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### [Abnormal Psychology: An e-text](#)

- Utilized Wikispaces – free wikis for K-PhD educators
- Allowed anyone to see, but approval to join for editing
- Began with 90 members the first semester, now up to 170 members

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### [Abnormal Psychology: An e-text](#)

- In four semesters, grew from 0 printed pages to almost 600
- Covers all DSM disorders, plus treatment and associated information
- Now *the* textbook for PSY 4753 at UCO

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### Timeline

- Spring 2009 – gave students specific disorders to cover and what to include
- Fall 2009 – had students doing “clean-up” editing and expansion of topics
- Spring 2010 – students were assigned to “make it pretty” and incorporate media and external links

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### Timeline

- Fall 2010 – adopted as course text
- Fall 2010 – students were given specific pages to further clean up and include references for
- Spring 2010 – students adding case studies on fictional characters
- Spring 2010 – contract w/ publishing company

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### Lessons Learned

- Be specific and detailed
- Distributed contributions
- Bell curve of ability
- Natural selection takes time

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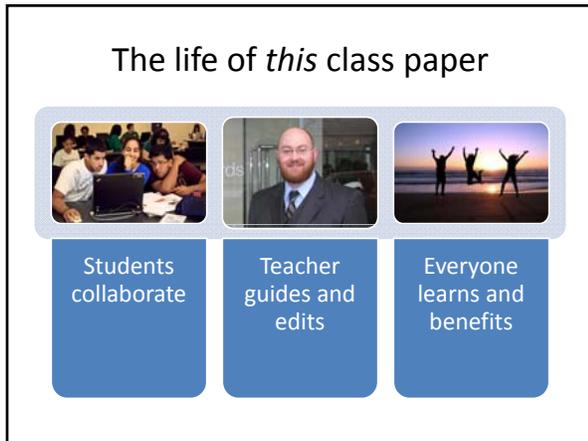
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- Next steps...
- Continue to improve Abnormal Psychology
  - [Science, Pseudoscience, & Critical Thinking](#)
  - Engage faculty in developing a Gen Psych text
  - Assist other faculty in creating their own class textbooks

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### Final Thoughts

- Very positive feedback from students as an assignment and text
- Faculty are editing producing edited, scholarly work from courses

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### Additional Resources

- [Citizendium.org](http://Citizendium.org)
- [Wikiversity.org](http://Wikiversity.org)
- [10 Best Practices for using Wikis in Education](#)
- [Using Wiki in Education \(book\)](#)

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### Additional Resources

- [Wiki is not a four letter word](#)
- [Wiki as a Teaching Tool](#)
- [The Use of Blogs, Wikis and RSS in Education](#)
- [Educational Wikis](#)

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