What is a wiki?

- Website for organizing information

- User defined and controlled

- Collaborative authorship

- Pages tend to have many links

Why use a wiki?

- Convenient and easy to edit

- Information is not lost when edited

- Easy to undo mistakes

- Relatively safe to give many people access

When to use a wiki

- Need multiple people to contribute

- Information will change/be added over time

- Want easy cross referencing

- Users do not want to see all information in one order or at one time

Hazards of wikis

- Often sense of no one in charge

- Conflict between users

- Vandalism: graffiti and malicious tampering

- Unintentional inaccuracies

- Difficult to work offline

Wiki Examples

- Wiki Novel: http://www.amillionpenguins.com

- World of Warcraft: http://www.wowwiki.org

- Homestar Runner: http://www.hrwiki.org

- Lost: http://www.lostpedia.com

- Elemenstor Saga: http://elothtes.pbwiki.com

Wikimedia Family

- Encyclopedia: http://en.wikipedia.org

- Dictionary: http://en.wiktionary.org

- Quotations: http://en.wikiquote.org

- News: http://en.wikinews.org

- Books: http://en.wikibooks.org

How to make a wiki

- Choose a hosting service

  - http://www.pbwiki.com

  - http://scratchpad.wikia.com

- Register

- Design wiki structure

- Post Data

Design questions

- Static page list vs. dynamic

- What pages/categories to include

- What should types of pages look like

Set Up Issues

- Public or Private?

- Who gets access

- When should subsections become their own pages

- Rules of use

Possible Ideas

- Prom Plans

- Graduation Parties

- Study Group Coordination

- School Play

- Anything else you can come up with