

Rubric for Wikipedia vs Encyclopedia Assignment

PART I: WIKIPEDIA					
Points	Pts: 0	Pt: 1	Pt: 2	Pt: 3	Points Possible
1. What is the Brain Death article's Wikipedia grade?	No answer	"Starting"			x1
2. When was it last edited?	No answer	Dependant on date of assignment, check wikipedia article before assigning			x1
3. Look to see how many editors have contributed to the article. Has the article been created by only one or two people, or has it been a collaborative effort among many editors?	No answer or "1 author"	Collaborate effort among many editors			x1
4. Does the article provide any in-line citations or References? Do you think the sources appropriate for the information in the article? Please explain why or why not in three or more sentences.	No answer or "None"	Answers yes to one of the two questions (but not both) OR uses less than 3 sentences to explain answer.	Answers yes to both questions and uses 3 or more sentences to explain answers. Explanations can include the fact that the References are from science journals (ex. Bioethics), references are real resources and are traceable (provides full citation or links to resources) and additional website links are provided.		x2
Total points for part I					___/5
PART II: WIKIPEDIA VS ENCYCLOPEDIA					
Complete the RADAR Worksheet for both the encyclopedia article	Does not fill out worksheet	Incomplete worksheet	Completed Worksheet		x2
Complete the RADAR Worksheet for both the encyclopedia article	Does not fill out worksheet	Incomplete worksheet	Completed Worksheet		x2
Total points for part II					___/4
PART II: WIKIPEDIA VS ENCYCLOPEDIA					
1. Which resource is more relevant to your research paper, the Wikipedia Article or the Encyclopedia and why?	No answer OR answer "Wikipedia"	Answers "Gale Encyclopedia" but does not explain why OR does not use 3 or more sentences to explain why	Answers "Gale Encyclopedia" and uses 3 or more sentences to explain why. Answers can include the fact that the prompt is asking students to find background information on the definition, diagnosis and prognosis of brain death, which Gale provides in greater detail, or the fact that the Wikipedia article has more on cultural and religious aspects which is not needed for the paper. The student can also point out that the Gale encyclopedia is on Nuerology, which fits in the scope of the class that the student is in		X2
2. Identify at least 2-3 main differences between the authors of the Wikipedia article and the Encyclopedia article. Why would your professor prefer one source to the other?	No answer	Identifies 1 main difference only AND does not answer "Why would your professor prefer one over the other"	Identifies 2 main differences but does not answer "Why would your professor prefer one over the other"	Identifies 2-3 main differences and answers "Why would your professor prefer one over the other". Answers can include the following: Wikipedia has multiple authors and Gale has one, Wikipedia allows for usernames to identify anonymous authors while Gale uses full names, author can be identified in Gale and not in Wikipedia, you cannot know the academic affiliation of Wikipedia authors but you can look up the Gale authors	X3
3. What is the reading audience for the Wikipedia article? For the Gale Encyclopedia article? Which one is more likely to be considered 'balanced' and why?	No answer	Answers only 1 of the 3 questions, OR does not use 3 or more sentences	Answers only 2 of the 3 questions and uses 3 or more sentences	Answers all 3 questions in 3 or more sentences. Answers are: Wikipedia's audience is popular or non scholarly. Gale's audience is scholarly or students. Gale Encyclopedia is more likely to be balanced due to the fact that it is authored by a single writer and is written for a scholarly audience, which values unbiased, fact based information	x3
4. Doing background information is only the very start of the research process and an encyclopedia article is meant to serve as a jumping off point for further research. Are there specific things within the Gale encyclopedia article that would help a student further their research? (Hint: Pay close attention to the References section)	No answer	Provides an answer but does not use 3 or more sentences	Answers question and uses 3 or more sentences. Answer can include the fact that Gale provides References to books, scholarly articles, websites and professional organizations, all of which can be used to further a student's resource. Additionally the article links to numerous sub articles within Gale Virtual Reference that can further a student's research.		x2
Total points for part II					___/10
Total for Assignment					___/18