

Wikipedia in Four Steps



EDIT

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1. Groundwork

So you want to edit Wikipedia...

The good news

- Small changes make a big impact.
- There will be a HUGE audience for whatever work you do.
- There are no committees and only a quirky kind of peer review.
- The learning curve for basic edits is not too steep.
- A supportive librarian community exists.



The less good news

- The encyclopedia anyone *can* edit isn't the encyclopedia everyone **does** edit.
- So. Much. Reading.
- If you're new, there are people who have been there fifteen years longer than you. They sometimes like to argue.
- The amount that needs doing can be overwhelming.
- Many people have already made up their mind about Wikipedia.



My work on Wikipedia

- #1Lib1Ref
- Public domain image addition
- Approving articles via the AFC process
- Women in Red
- Writing librarian and stadium organist stubs
- Helping novice editors
- Thanking people who do good work



2. Basic edits

Vocabulary words

- GLAM
- Watchlist
- Talk page
- NPOV (neutral point of view)
- Notability
- Source editor vs. visual editor
- WP:NOT, WP:COI, WP:RS, WP:OR



Your first edits

1. Set up a Wikipedia account.
2. Add something to your user page using the editor.
3. Check out the Preferences.
4. Read a few pages of interest. If you see something that needs attention, feel free to fix it! Add a category or a link to another page.



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Inexpensive food counter ([Edit](#))

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A **snack bar** usually refers to an inexpensive food counter that is part of a permanent structure where [snack foods](#) and light meals are sold.^[1]

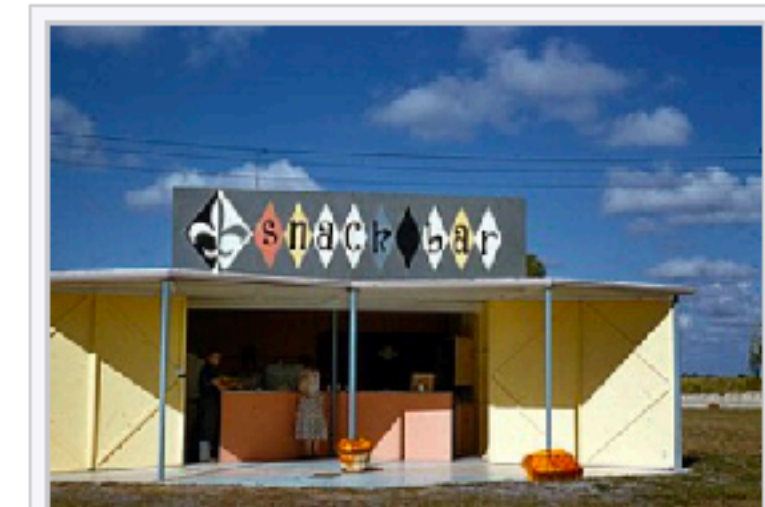
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In [movie theaters](#) and any other types of [theaters](#), the snack bar is located in the lobby.

The first known use of the word "snack bar" was in 1930.^[2]

Similar entities



Snack bar at the Warm Mineral Springs attraction in North Port, Florida.



The interior of a snack bar in the Netherlands.



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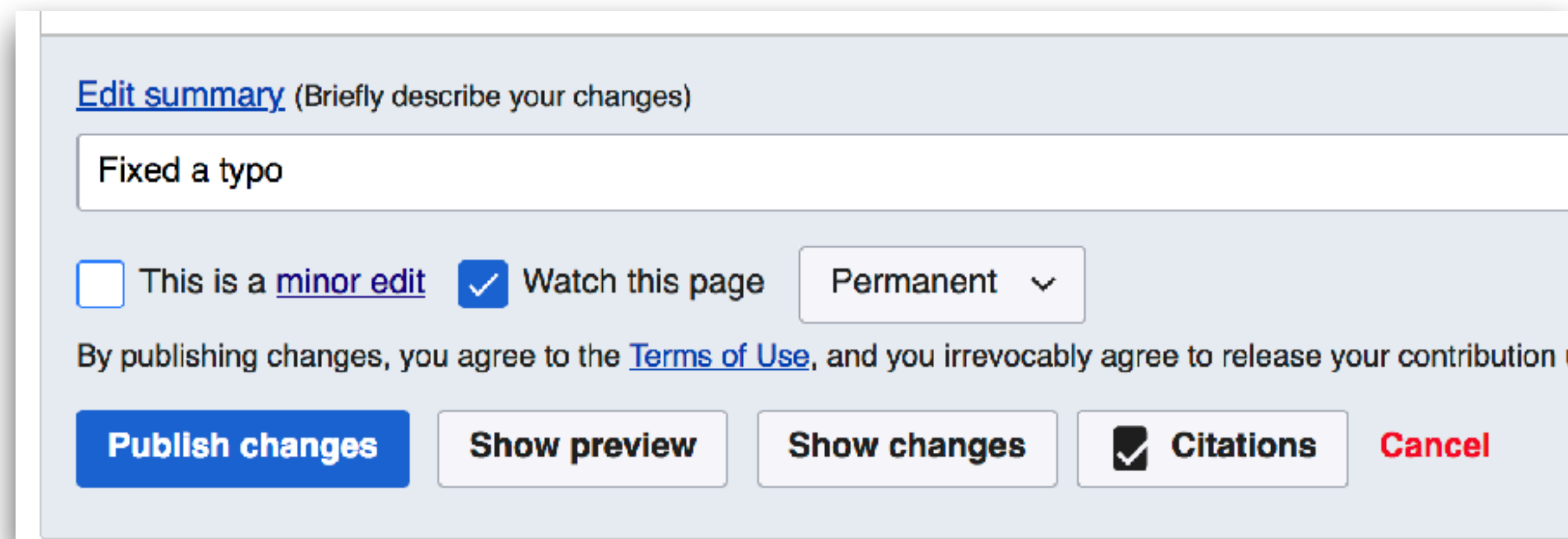


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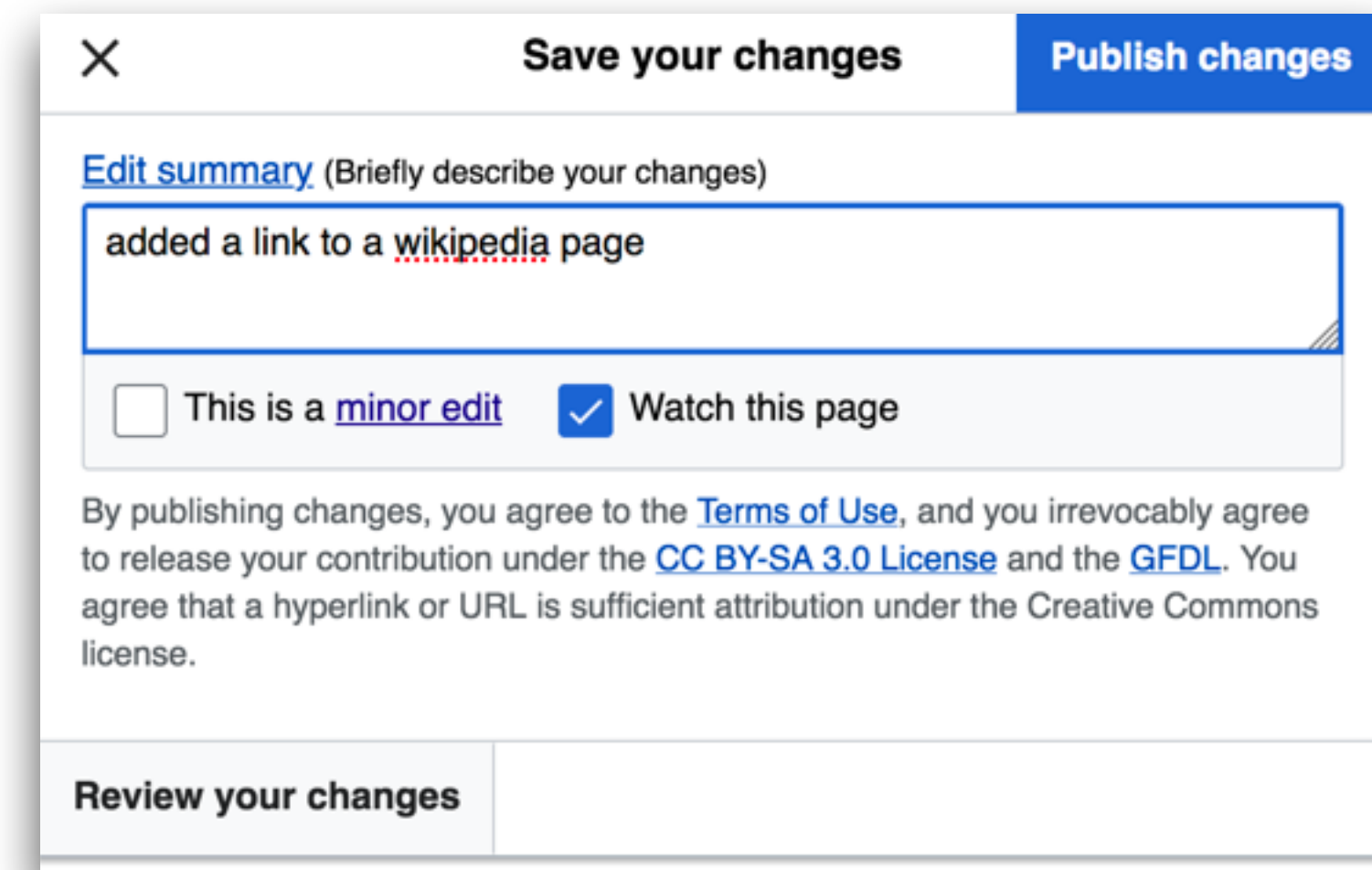
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3. Citations

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Wikipedia and Citations

- Every fact about a living person should have a reliable citation.
- Adding a citation into the document will make it appear in the References section at the bottom.
- Add as much information as you can when you add a citation.
- It's okay if you're citing something that isn't publicly accessible.



Two useful tools

Citation Hunt & Citer

- Find something needing a citation
<https://citationhunt.toolforge.org/>
- Format your citation in wikistyle
<https://citer.toolforge.org/> (most standard formats)
<http://sumsearch.org/cite/> (biomed)

Citation hunt

Find articles needing citations in a topic of your interest

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Artists from Vermont	6 articles
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Four basic citation types


Main goal: can someone verify your fact?

✕ **Add a citation**

Automatic **Manual** **Re-use**

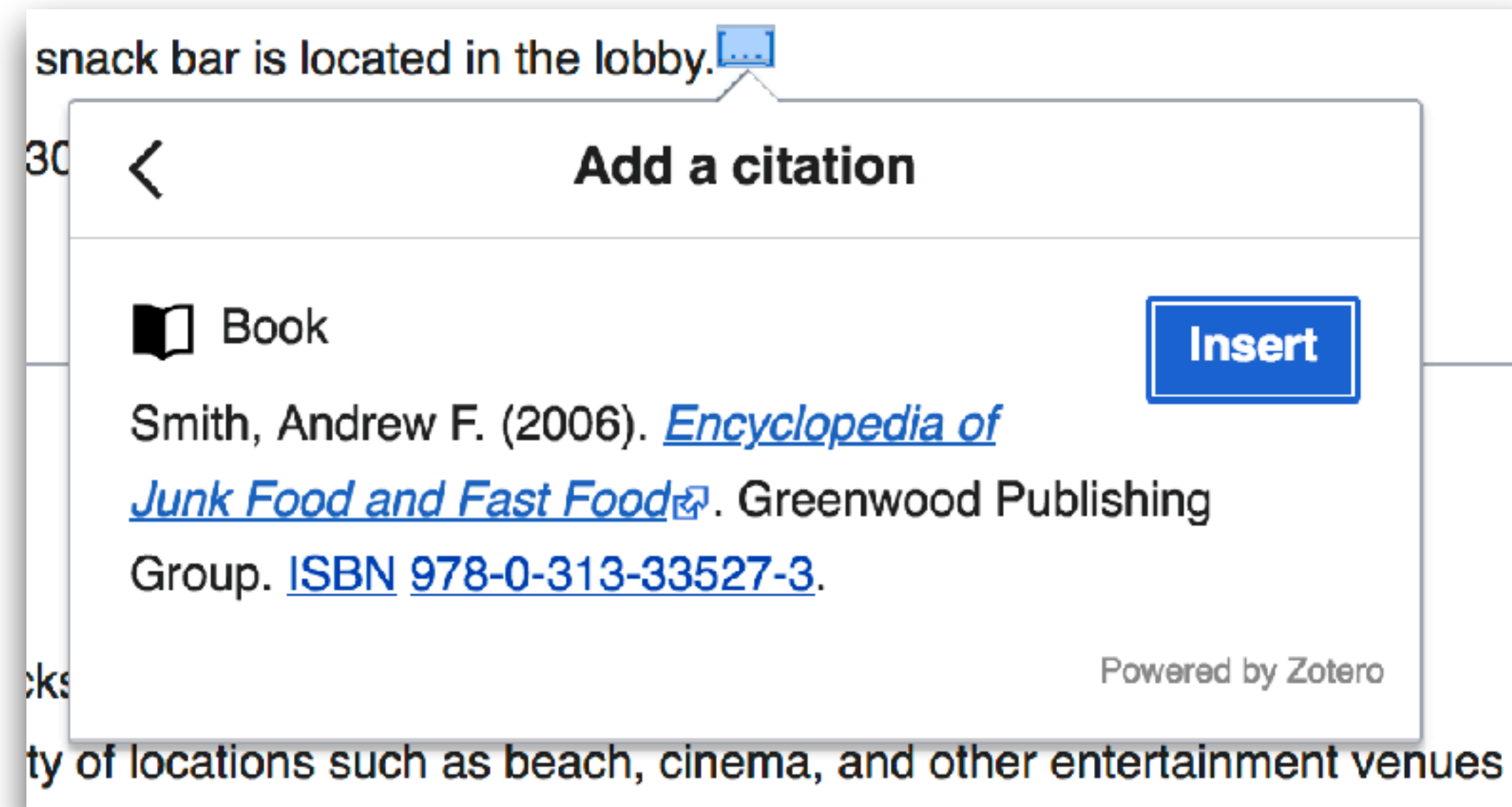
 Website  Book

 News  Journal

 Basic form

Workflow

- Find a source, make sure it's reliable. ([link](#))
- Format it; use the Wikipedia citation template, or the Citer tool. ([link](#))
- Add the cite, preview to make sure it looks right (can always manually edit later). Insert.



4. Images

Adding Images

- All images must have a clear, free-license statement unless they are your own creation (in which case you can add a license).
- Images can be added to Wikimedia Commons (need WC account) or Wikipedia. WC gives more range, WP takes non-free Fair Use content.
- Items such as logos or book covers can be uploaded to Wikipedia but need a Fair Use rationale added.
- Examples I've uploaded: public domain photographs from NYPL, NLM and LOC, library association logos, newspaper front pages.

Workflow

- Unless the image is on Flickr with the proper license, you'll be uploading an image from your computer.
- Upload File on Wikimedia Commons will require you to pick a license as well as note the source, author, and date. (There is no authority control here)

This file is not my own work.

Source
Where this digital file came from — could be a URL, or a book or publication.

Author(s)
The name of the person who took the photo, or painted the picture, drew the drawing, etc.

More Workflow

- If using the Wizard, you will also need to add at least one category. If you are adding something that is already the subject of a WP article, look for how that article's categories are worded. Tyranny of the leftmost is a thing here.

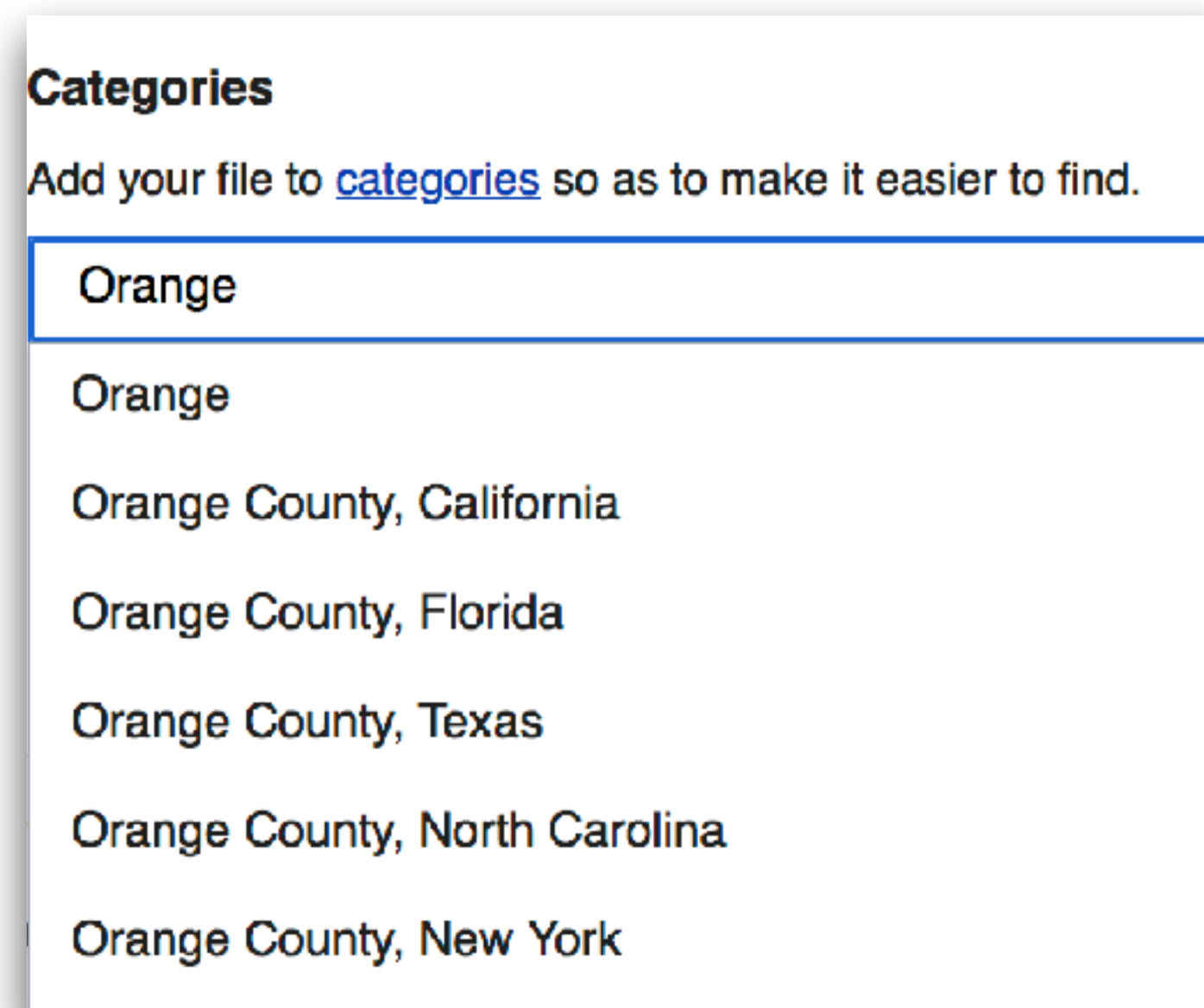


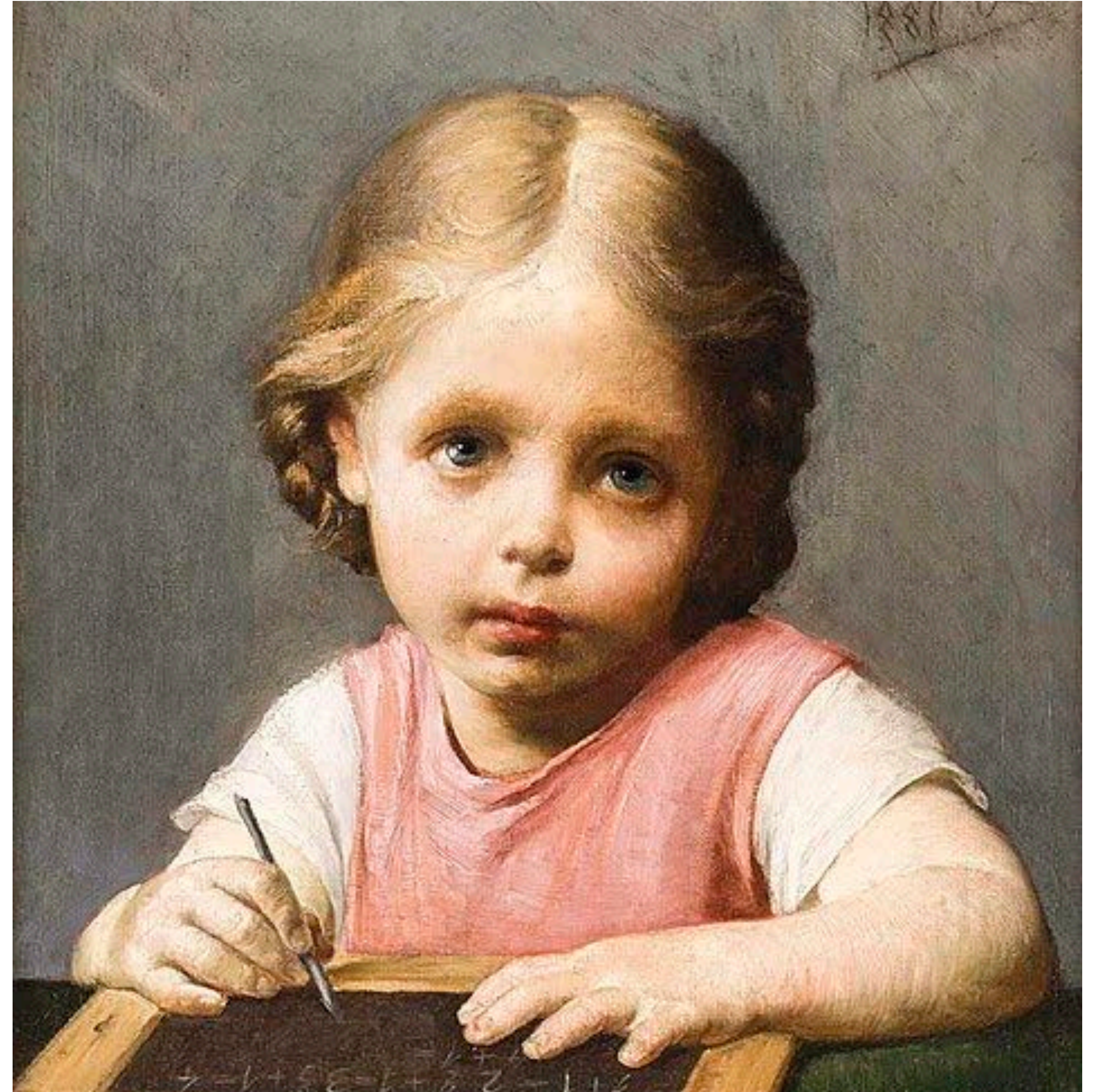
Image Example Time!

Cary T. Grayson, M.D.



to get started...

- Set up an account.
- Put something on your user page.
- Try to make an edit.
- Try to add a citation.
- Try to add an image.



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