

Wikipedia

Context

After 244 years, the Encyclopedia Britannica has decided to halt the presses and go out of print. Facing the realities and the stiff competition from Wikipedia, the Encyclopedia Britannica will now focus primarily on their online services. But even then, it might be too late. Wikipedia has grown to be the number one source for students. In fact, many students will stop research and change topics if it's not on Wikipedia. Wikipedia provides a wealth of information with over 26 billion pages of content.

Though the quality of Wikipedia has been questioned, the editors of Wikipedia, known as Wikipedians, are vigilant with ensuring the data in Wikipedia is current and accurate. Studies have even shown that Wikipedia is almost as accurate as the Encyclopedia Britannica. This infographic highlights how Wikipedia has revolutionized research and how it has become a reliable fountain of knowledge.

Questions

- What elements work in the graphic?
- Make notes about what you notice and like/don't like about the infographic?
- What are the key data points, are there drastic changes in the data?
- What data seems to be surprising or unusual?
- What is the purpose of the infographic?
- What key conclusions can you make from the information given?
Make a list of three points which may support a further idea.

Presentation You are a professor for a large University. You want to create a new student textbook for the department which will be given to all students. Make a presentation trying to persuade the members to support your idea. Try to guess what problems they may have and take the time to reassure.

Task Using the internet, find another infographic on a topic related to the topic

Then, build a short presentation to explain your findings to your classmates.

After that, be a leader in your group and encourage a conversation with your audience to explore ideas related to your presentation. Ensure that every member expresses their ideas and everyone has time to explore what has been said.