

How to edit Wikipedia for Music Biographies

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Getting the lay of the land

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The 5 pillars of Wikipedia

1. Wikipedia is an Encyclopedia.
2. Wikipedia requires a neutral point of view.
3. Wikipedia is free content that anyone can edit and distribute
4. Wikipedians should always be polite to one another
5. Wikipedia does not have firm rules besides the five general principles presented here.

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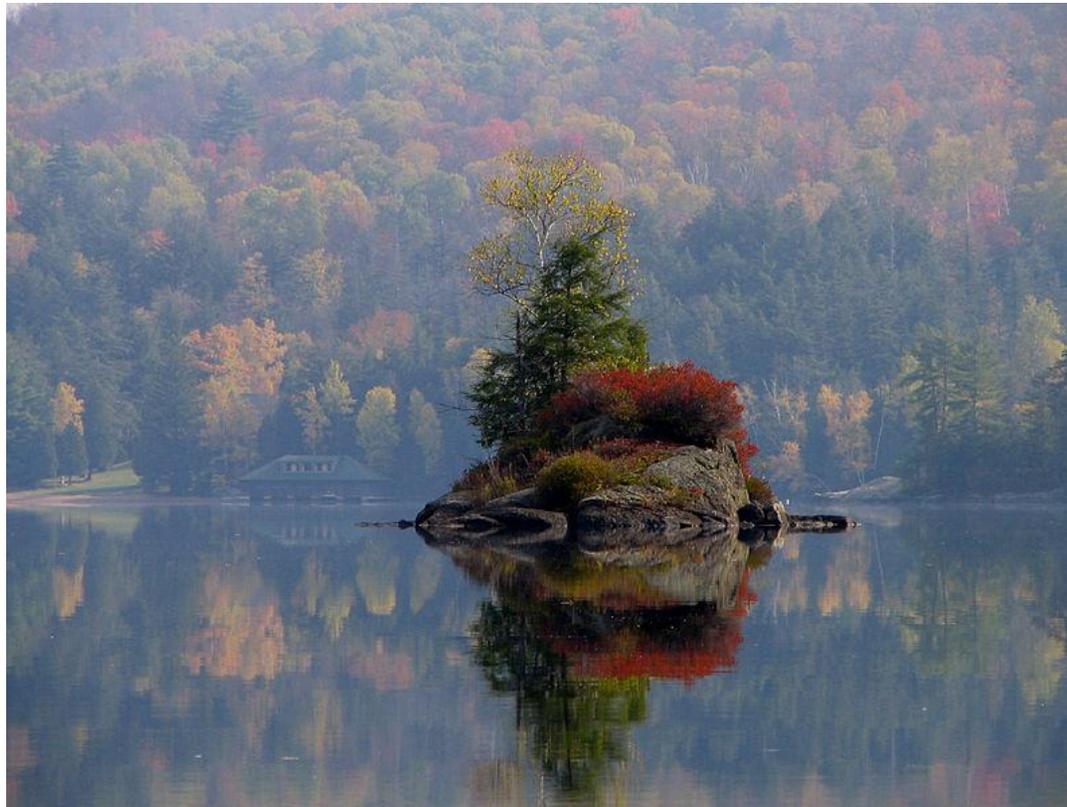
Notability

“If a topic has received **significant coverage** in **reliable sources** that are **independent of the subject**, it is **presumed** to be suitable for a stand-alone article or list.” <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Notability>

Think about it as making an argument for inclusion.

Notability can be challenging to prove for certain topics and people if their life and activities are not documented in secondary sources.

Beware of islands...



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Jean Anderson (dancer)

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia



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Jean Brown Anderson (1939–1985) was a Canadian dancer, born at [Dennyloanhead](#), Scotland to a musical family. Her father John Brown had spent time in the [Yukon](#) region of Canada [prospecting](#) for gold and played the fiddler. Her mother Jean Day was a well-known singer.^[1] In 1957, Anderson immigrated to Canada with her husband John, settling in the Hamilton and Toronto areas. She was an accomplished musician and [Scottish Country Dance](#) teacher and practitioner. She formed several Scottish Country Dancing groups, leading the Canadian Scottish Country Dance Team and the Anderson Dancers. Her groups performed at folk festivals and Highland festivals in the Toronto area as well as [Massey Hall](#) with Andy Stewart. The group performed with [Fiddler's Green](#) at the 1973 Mariposa Folk Festival. Anderson was in demand as an instructor and would travel to different regions and clubs to give classes.^[2] Anderson's siblings Robert Watt Brown and Christine Scott were also active performers of Scottish cultural traditions in Canada.^[3] Anderson also performed in her native Scotland before moving Canada, appearing at the White Rose Festival in Leeds.^[4] Her *Bothkinner* dance instructions was published as a leaflet by the [Royal Scottish Country Dance Society](#).^{[5][6]} She passed away at Toronto East General Hospital on 7 February 1985.^[7]

Jean Anderson

Born	Jean Brown 1939 Dennyloanhead , Scotland
Died	February 7, 1985 (aged 45–46) Toronto , Ontario
Occupation	Dancer, teacher

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Choosing content

Focus in on “notable” figures

Conflict of interest

Think about the landscape and think about weaving your content in

Where can you out build from? Do you need to improve an article to provide a strong base to work from?

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Is a place for editors record questions or comments about an article

Can provide information about whether an article belongs in a project (such as Canadian music)

It is a good idea to look to see whether there is any content on an article's talk page.

Infoboxes

{{Infobox musical artist

| name = Judith R. Cohen

| background = solo_singer,

| birth_name = Judith Rita Cohen

| alias = כהן, יהודית,

| birth_date = {{Birth date and age|1949|12|09}}

| birth_place = [[Montreal]], Quebec, Canada

| residence =[[Toronto]], [[Ontario]], Canada

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