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