How to Post an Encyclopedia Article written in SignWriting in the SignWriting Wiki: http://www.signbank.org/wiki

Note: The following instructions refer to ASL articles, but encyclopedia articles are welcome in ANY sign language. Do you want to post encyclopedia articles in another sign language? Write to Adam Frost for help: frost@signwriting.org

1. Go to the ASL SignPuddle Encyclopedia.

SignPuddle for American Sign Language (ASL) http://www.signbank.org/signpuddle/index.html#sgn-US

ASL Encyclopedia Puddle

http://www.signbank.org/signpuddle1.5/index.php?ui=1&sgn=21



2. Be sure to LOGIN, when starting to work in the Encyclopedia Puddle file. If you are new to writing articles, you will need to REGISTER the first time, and then LOGIN every time you enter again. This way you receive all the features you need to edit your own articles.



3. To write your article, click on the SignText Button on the left of your screen (see diagram below).



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4. This will open the SignText Editor. If you are new to writing articles in SignPuddle, write to Adam Frost for help: frost@signwriting.org

5. When your article is complete, SAVE it in the Encyclopedia Puddle. You now have two choices:

Ask Adam to transfer your article from the Encyclopedia Puddle to the SignWriting Wiki for you (write to: frost@signwriting.org) ...or...

You can transfer the article yourself. It is a bit technical. Follow the instructions below:

6. After you have created you new article in SignPuddle, scroll down below your SignWritten text. You will see "SignText in BSW". Click on View:



7. This will take you to the SignWriting Image Server (SWIS). It opens a page where you see how your text looks for the article. Scroll down to see it.

8. Click on the Format Button, in the BSW Data box. (See diagram below).

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9. Different formats of code will appear. Scroll down and find the Unicode PUA string. It is the second grouping. Depending on how large your article is, you may have to scroll down a bit. It will look like a bunch of little boxes with numbers and letters in them, directly below the title Unicode PUA. Select the entire Unicode string and copy it to the clipboard. (see blue area in the diagram below):

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Unicode PUA

10. Now go to the SignWriting Wiki for ASL at:

SignWriting Wiki http://signbank.org/wiki

11. The first time you enter the SignWriting Wiki, you will need to create a new account and then, whenever you work in the SignWriting Wiki, be sure to login first.

12. How do you create a new account in the SignWriting Wiki? Click on the "Create Account" button top right:



13. To place your article in the SignWriting Wiki, you must login first. Next you need to establish a "new article". How do you do that? Type in the name of your new article in the Search Field and click on the Go Button. If the article already exists, it will come up if your search matches the tile you typed exactly. If the article doesn't already exist, then click on "create this page", and a new page will come up for you to start a new article. See diagram below:



14. When you click on "create this page", you will see a blank box. Place your cursor inside the blank box and paste your code into the box. This will start your new article:



15. Once you have started your new article, you can click on Edit, to edit it:

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16. Click on "Show Preview" to make sure that it is how you want it to look. It is also good to do this for the history to place in a summary of what you did in your edit. Once you are done editing your article, click "Save Page".

17. Now you have your article in the ASL Wikipedia written in SignWriting. Congratulations.

