

## Home Page

The screenshot shows the Citizendium home page. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Page Discussion', 'Read', 'View source', and 'View history'. Below that, a 'Welcome to Citizendium' message states: 'NOTICE: Citizendium is still being set up on its newer server, treat it as a beta for now; please see http://en.citizendium.org/wiki/Forum\_Talk:Technical\_issues\_0 for more.' The page is categorized into several fields: Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities, Arts, Applied Arts and Sciences, and Recreation. A central message reads: 'A project to develop a comprehensive compendium of knowledge. Welcome to Citizendium, a wiki for providing free knowledge where authors use their real, verified names. We welcome anyone who wants to share their knowledge by writing and improving articles on virtually any subject. Expert authors can be recognized with a special role, but membership is open to all. See Recent Changes—an overview of articles we are writing now.' A 'Join us' section lists: 'Join here and start a new article or improve existing ones.', 'Get started: how to collaborate / how to format pages', 'Wikipedians are very welcome!', and 'For more details on participation, see Why Citizendium? and Why I Contribute.' A green box asks for support: 'We Need Support From Donators! Please help! Funds are used to pay for hosting our servers. See our financial report for complete details. Please make your donations here.' On the right, 'Some of our finest' articles are listed, and a 'Real knowledge is to know the extent of one's ignorance.' quote is featured. At the bottom right, 'Our help system and forum' is mentioned.

## Logo



## URL

en.citizendium.org

## Subject

Encyclopedias

## Accessibility

Free

## Language

English

## Publisher

CZ: Media Assets Workgroup

## Brief History

It is an English-language Wiki-based free encyclopedia project launched by Larry Sanger, who had previously co-founded Wikipedia in 2001. It had launched on 23 October 2006 (as pilot project) and on 25 March 2007 (publicly).

## Scope and Coverage

It serves all over the world and provides the access and modifications of information related to the “parent topics” or main topics like Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities, Arts, Applied arts and sciences, Recreation. Under each main topic or parent topic, there is hyperlinked list of sub topics and other related topics. As for example, under the main topic “Natural Sciences” there is a following list of “Subtopics” and “Other related topics”:

- **Subtopics**
- Physics
- Chemistry

Biology  
Astronomy  
Earth science  
Mathematics

➤ **Other related topics**

Natural philosophy  
Natural history  
Applied science  
Health science  
Geology

Under the main topic “Humanities” there is a list of following topics:

➤ **Subtopics**

Classics  
History  
Literature  
Philosophy  
Religion  
Theology

➤ **Other related topics**

Art  
Applied arts  
Education  
Law  
Music  
Science  
Social science  
Scholarship  
Society  
Theatre

The encyclopedia includes total number of 16,891 articles when last accessed.

***Kind of Information***

Every article under subtopics and other related topics is provided with “Talk”, “Related Articles”, “Biography”, “External Links”, “Citable Version”, “Video” related to that article.

Brief description, history of a topic etc. are present in the articles. Coloured images on topics, charts, graphs etc. are available where applicable. Notes and references are also found after the articles. The hierarchical sequence of the article is found below the article.

For example, one can mention the article on “Anthropology”. This article includes the development of anthropology, various facets of anthropology like archeology, physical anthropology, paleoanthropology etc., success of anthropology, ethics, controversy, post modern challenge, education regarding anthropology and so on. Coloured and black and white images on various anthropological issues are found here. See also reference to the University of Alabama’s Department of Anthropology is also present here.

### ***Special Features***

- ❖ It provides access to information by email and print. It also has a link to social networking sites, like Google+, Face Book, Twitter etc.
- ❖ The file type of images is there with their dimensions and name of the contributors.
- ❖ It is a Wiki website and has aims to improve on the Wikipedia model by providing "reliable" and high-quality content provided by expert and differs from Wikipedia in its real names policy (requiring all contributors to use their verified real names).
- ❖ Clicking on the “magnifying glass” sign on the right side of the search bar one can find a larger window of search bar. This search bar provides the users options to search information from content pages. Provision for directly searching multimedia information is found in the search bar. Provisions for advance searching and searching any information all throughout the encyclopedia are also available here.
- ❖ This encyclopedia provides Fuzzy searching.

### ***Arrangement Pattern***

Articles are found under parent topics like Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities, Arts, Applied Arts and Sciences and Recreation. Parent topics are divided into two categories, namely “Subtopics” and “Other related topics”. Entering into any subtopic or other related topic one can find the article on that particular subject or topic. For example, mention may be made of

parent topic “Natural Sciences”. Within it there are some sub topics like Physics, Chemistry, Biology etc. Clicking on biology, one can find the article on biology.

On the left side of the page one can find alphabetic list of all articles under the “All Articles” link.

***Remarks***

For giving the users a brief idea about physics, chemistry, anthropology, economics etc. this encyclopedia plays an undeniable roles.

***Comparable Tools***

- New World Encyclopedia ([http://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Info:Main\\_Page](http://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Info:Main_Page))
- Wikipedia ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main\\_Page](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page))
- Scholarpedia ([http://www.scholarpedia.org/article/Main\\_Page](http://www.scholarpedia.org/article/Main_Page))
- Britannica.com (<http://www.britannica.com/>)
- Everything2 (<http://everything2.com/>)

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