

An Analysis of the authenticity of Wikipedia articles related to Educational
Technology.

Tara Miles Dean & Lorin Kessler

Faculty Sponsor: Desmond Rodney

The issue of authenticity of web resources remains an important problem for k-12 teachers. In many cases articles and documents found on internet resource sites are plagiarized from other online spaces. To assess the authenticity of an emerging and popular resource Wikipedia.com, teacher education students in an educational technology course evaluated more than 67 articles from Wikipedia. The analysis revealed that only a third of the articles were exclusive to Wikipedia.com. Additionally, it was found that many k-12 student work submissions relied heavily on Wikipedia.com source articles that were not exclusive to the online resource although it might appear to be so.