What is a WIKI?
Terminology & Trivia:
“A single page in a wiki is referred to as a ‘wiki page,’ while the entire body of pages … is called ‘the wiki.’”
The name was based on the Hawaiian term *wiki wiki*, meaning "quick" or "super-fast".
The first wiki, the Portland Pattern Repository, was founded March 25, 1995

Key characteristics of wikis:
Documents and web pages are created collectively
Pages are easy to create and update, similar to Word documents
“Internal” and “external” links are simple to add
Images and videos can be included
Often wikis are open to the general public, but can be private
Wikis can be made with open-source programs

Why use Wikis:
Students can create learning materials!
Facilitate collaborative writing and interaction/reaction
Make writing assignments more appealing
Stimulate students’ interest in the subject
Make it easy to create and share collective pools of knowledge (world wide)
Wikis can expand both the audience and the participants in writing projects

Tips for successful task-design
Task-design and an assessment plan are crucial
Try to incorporate text when applicable
Allow experimentation time
Ease into it
Remember that collaboration is a skill
Create guidelines (or let your students create them)
Have an assessment plan and make it clear to the students

Wiki-fy that writing assignment!
Discuss ideas for wiki writing assignments:
Which uses of the wiki seem most promising or interesting to you? Why?
Can you think of a project that would work well for your class?

Goal – Identify one project that might work well on a wiki.

Think about:
Successful writing projects you’ve used in the past
Common challenges your students face

Places to make your own wiki
Wikispaces.com
Pbwiki.com