Wiki

What is it?
A wiki is a website which allows its users to add, modify, or delete its content in a web browser, usually using a simplified markup language or a rich-text editor. Most wikis maintain a history of changes and authors. Ward Cunningham, the developer of the first wiki software, WikiWikiWeb, originally described it as ‘the simplest online database that could possibly work.’

What could you do?
- Wikis support activities where groups access and edit shared materials, such as:
  - collaborative writing and note taking
  - documenting group projects – contributions by group members can be identified in the history of the wiki
- developing whole of class resources – wikis can provide a framework to develop a class website
- hosting and improving class notes – providing notes in a wiki format can encourage students to add to and improve the notes

Tips
Provide students with guidance on how to use a the wiki. Most wikis work in slightly different ways, so you should not assume students will know what to do.
There is no set way that wikis should work. Help students develop the structure they will use in the wiki. Blackboard wikis can be graded with each student’s contribution identified and marks stored in the grade centre.

What have people done?
Assessing Learning in Australian Universities: Assessing group work
www.cshe.unimelb.edu.au/assessinglearning/03/group.html
Using Wikis for Student Collaboration – Case Study
online.cofa.unsw.edu.au/learning-to-teach-online/ltto-episodes?view=video&video=245
Using Wikipedia as a Teaching tool:
firstmonday.org/htbin/cgiwrap/bin/ojs/index.php/fm/article/view/3583/3313