



How to upload images to Wikimedia Commons

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Step 0: Create an account

If you don't have a Wikimedia Commons account yet, [create one](#). It takes just a few seconds.

Step 1: Upload

Use the [Upload Wizard](#) in order to select an image from your computer.

- Go to *Upload*



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Picture of the day



Panoramic view of the ancient Naqsh-e Rostam necropolis located about 12 km northwest of Persepolis, in Fars Province, Iran. The site includes rock reliefs of Achaemenid and Sassanid periods. 4 tombs of

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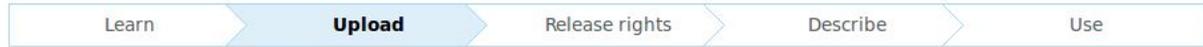
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- Select the file and *Continue*.

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Step 2: Release rights

Provide copyright information for the work, to make sure everyone can legally reuse it. You can upload to Wikimedia Commons images of **your own authorship**, or material by other author under **public domain** or under a **free license**. There are some differences that we have to take into account. Let's see...

Wotancito



[This photo](#) of the Brazilian activist Jurema Werneck, was taken and uploaded by the user Wotancito, and it is her own work. She took the photo, and she has decided to put it under a free license. Let's see how she did it.



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[This photo](#) of [Espérance Nyirasafari](#), Minister at Rwanda, was uploaded by the user Señoritaleona, using as a source a file previously released under a free license by its author.

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Check the "License" header on the side of the Flickr page. Both the icons and license name that they used have to match one of the choices here.

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- If the work is already published online, but not under one of these licenses, please follow the steps described at [COM:OTRS](#) (the copyright holder has to send an email with the permission) and add `{{subst:OP}}` to the "Source" field above. Read the guide: [Giving Consent for Images on Wikipedia](#) for more details.

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[This portrait](#) of the British painter [Elizabeth Emma Soyer](#) was made by the artist [Henry Bryan Hall](#).



The image is under public domain because the artist died more than 70 years ago (in 1884). The right copyright option for this work is:

▼ **The copyright has definitely expired in the USA**

Wikimedia Commons is located in the USA, so the work must be out of copyright in that country.

- First published in the United States before 1923
- First published before 1923 and author deceased more than 70 years ago
- Faithful reproduction of a painting in the public domain because the artist died more than 70 years ago [\(learn more\)](#)

In order to be hosted on Commons, all works must be in the public domain in the [United States](#) as well as in their source country. But if you are sure that the work is in the public domain in its country of origin, you can choose the option *Another reason not mentioned above* and use a tag, as in this example.

▼ **Another reason not mentioned above**

The license is described by the following wikitext (must contain a valid [copyright tag](#)):

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{{PD-EG}}
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In the example above, the tag corresponds to Egypt. To find tags for other countries, [check this page](#).

When done, save your work and continue to the next screen.

Step 3. Describe

Next, you'll want to fill in some fields that describe the image so that everyone will be able to find it. This helps ensure your image gets seen and used!.

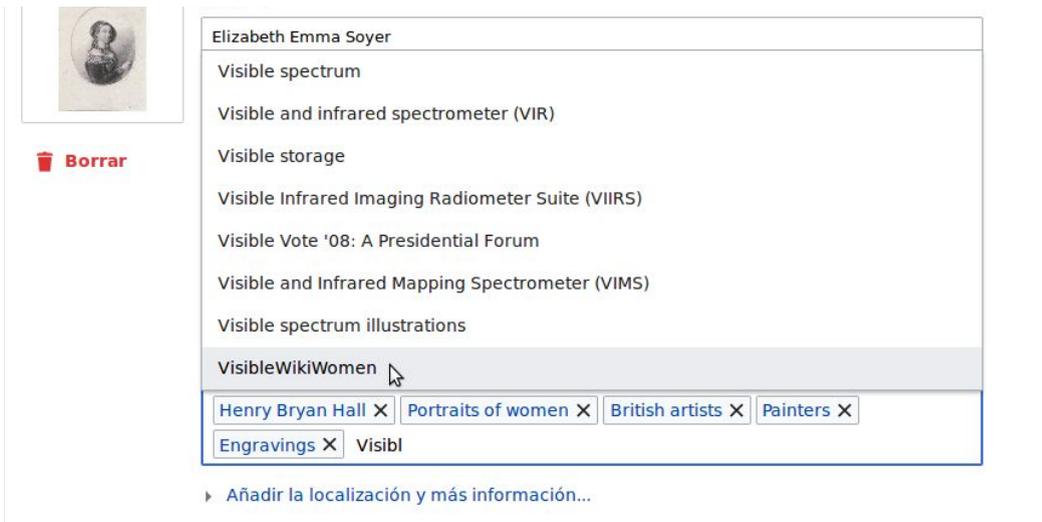
These are the minimum fields you should fill in:

- **Title:** Name your image something unique and descriptive, using plain language with spaces. This might just be the name of the woman in the image, for example “Jurema Wernek.”
- **Description:** Briefly describe anything you know about the image. For example, you could mention the main things that are depicted, the occasion, or the place it was taken.
- **Date:** Say when the work was created or first published, as best as you know. You can choose the date this work was created or first published from the calendar, or input it in the YYYY-MM-DD format.
- **Category:** Add in the category [VisibleWikiWomen](#) so we can find your image later, ensuring it is counted towards the #VisibleWikiWomen challenge! Categories help



others find your image for use in Wikipedia and elsewhere. You might also add other categories that fit the topic of your image, for example, [Portraits of women](#), or [Women basketball players from Argentina](#). A good categorization should answer simple and basic questions: *what?*, *whom?*, *where?*, *who?*, *how?* For more information, visit the [official policy for Categories](#) on Wikimedia Commons.

For this challenge, always use the category **VisibleWikiWomen** (and add other relevant categories if you like) in order to group all the images that are part of the challenge.



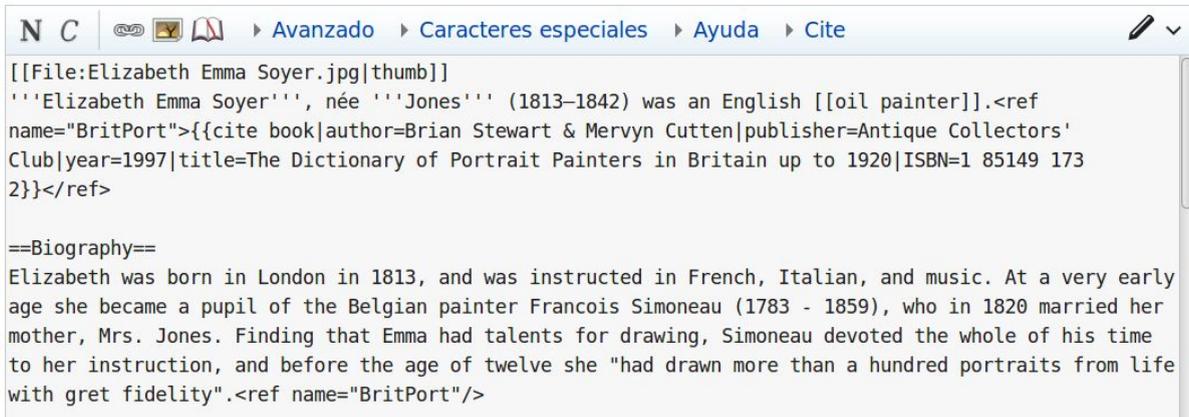
Once you've added whatever information you can share in these fields, click Next and your image will be saved. Thanks for donating an image to Wikimedia Commons!

Step 4. Use

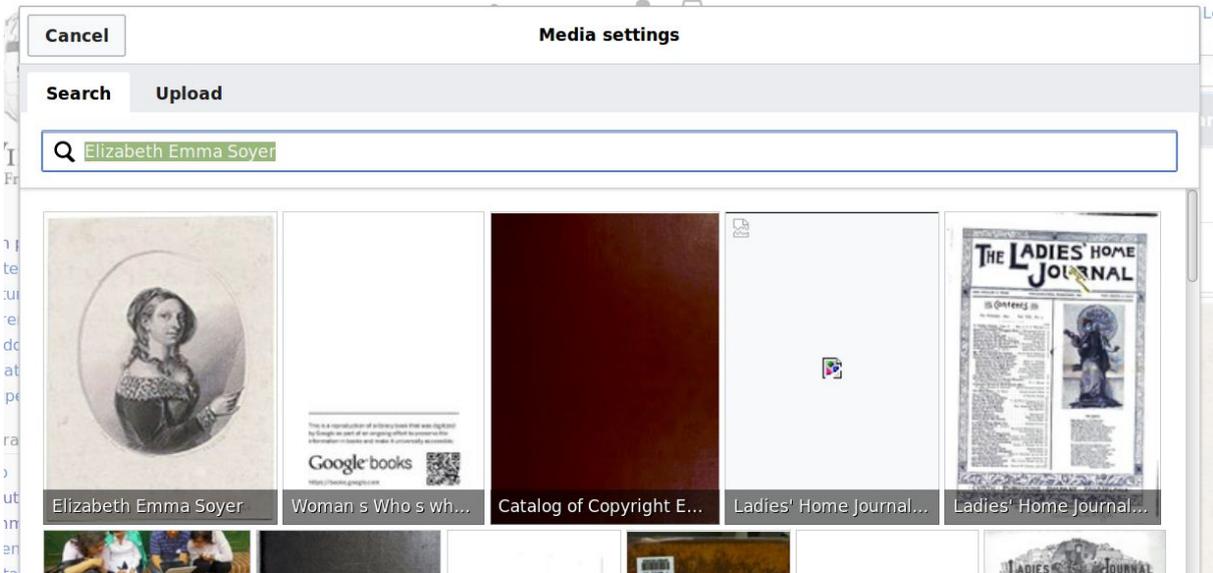
Once the image is uploaded, it can be used on Wikipedia and sister projects! We suggest at least two things you could do after uploading an image: illustrate a Wikipedia article, and link the image with it's associated item on Wikidata.

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- Search for the Wikipedia article you want to illustrate, and click on *Edit*.
- If you are using the code editor, just paste a code like:
[[File:Filename.jpg|thumb]]



- If you are using the visual editor, click on *Insert - Media* and search for the image you want.



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- Click on *Wikidata item* in the sidebar of the Wikipedia page, under *Tools*.

