I’m worried about wikis.

Not keeping me awake at night worried but frankly, the sample wikis I found to show you “how to” were not done by post-secondary participants. High School wikis, 6th grade wikis, 5th grade wikis – I had to stop looking before I found “Wikis for Preschoolers.”

But why did that worry me? I should be thrilled that this Web 2.0 tool is effectively being used in education.

The part that concerns me – “Is the learning pattern that our future students are forming considered at the college level?”

I’ve seen this pyramid all over the place in the conference sessions I’ve attended recently.

![Learning Pyramid](image)

If we agree that 5% of what we hear (lecture) is retained as compared to 90% of what we teach others (dare I say wikis?) then why don’t we give our students an opportunity to teach others what they are learning in our class as a way to learn it! Aha moment here.

So look into wikis. They aren’t for everyone and probably not for every subject, I just can’t think of an exception right now – I’m sure someone will let me know why wikis won’t work in their field. (wink, wink)