**In-class Punctuation Workshop**

*In groups of 2-3,* ***rationalize the use of punctuation*** *in the following* ***correctly punctuated*** *sentences from Douglas Rushkoff’s Program or Be Programmed [1] and Peter Binkley’s “Wikipedia Grows Up” [2]****.*** *Using the* ***Punctuation Rules****, identify which rules of punctuation have determined the use of commas, colons, and semi-colons for each sentence. Circle each piece of punctuation, then* ***jot down the punctuation rule by number*** *alongside each punctuation mark as appropriate. Discuss and explain why that piece of punctuation has been used.*

1. “The analog recording is a physical impression, while the digital recording is a series of choices.  The former is as smooth and continuous as real time; the latter is a series of numerical snapshots” [1].
2. “In the digital recording, only the dimensions of the sound that can be measured and represented in numbers are taken into account” [1].
3. “Any dimensions that the recording engineers haven't taken into consideration are lost.  They are simply not measured, written down, stored, or reproduced” [1].
4. “The controversy over Wikipedia in library circles has died down over the last few months, as our attention has moved on to other representations of the new “Web 2.0” environment: social bookmarking services, blogs, etc.” [2].
5. “The two encyclopedias were tied in major errors at four apiece; Wikipedia led in minor errors 162 to 123” [2].
6. “Where Wikipedia really excels is in the areas that you might expect to attract a demographic willing to sit in front of a browser and show off their knowledge: popular culture and current technology” [2].
7. “If your question concerns a current indie band, an anime character, a class of monster in a particular role-playing game, wireless routers or even OpenURLs, Wikipedia will often be an excellent source” [2].
8. “Even in the realm of politics, Wikipedia has much to offer” [1].

**References**

[1] D. Rushkoff, *Program or Be Programmed: Ten Commandments for a Digital Age*, New York: OR Books, 2010.

[2] P. Binkley, “Wikipedia grows up,” *Feliciter*, vol. 52, no. 2, 2006, pp. 59-61.