

REVERSUM: A Multi-staged Retrieval-Augmented Generation Method to Enhance Wikipedia Tail Biographies through Personal Narratives

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Abstract

Wikipedia is an invaluable resource for factual information about a wide range of entities. However, the quality of articles on lesser-known entities often lags behind that of the well-known ones. This study proposes a novel approach to enhancing Wikipedia’s B and C category biography articles by leveraging personal narratives such as autobiographies and biographies. By utilizing a multi-staged retrieval-augmented generation technique – REVERSUM – we aim to enrich the informational content of these lesser-known articles. Our study reveals that personal narratives can significantly improve the quality of Wikipedia articles, providing a rich source of reliable information that has been underutilized in previous studies. Based on crowd-based evaluation, REVERSUM generated content outperforms the best performing baseline by 17% in terms of integrability to the original Wikipedia article and 28.5% in terms of informativeness.¹

1 Introduction

Wikipedia plays a pivotal role in many areas of natural language processing (NLP) research, serving as a rich resource for pre-training machine learning models, fact verification, and as an external knowledge base. For instance, [Touvron et al. \(2023\)](#), [Thoppilan et al. \(2022\)](#), and [Brown et al. \(2020\)](#) incorporate Wikipedia in their pre-training corpora. [Chen et al. \(2017\)](#) utilize Wikipedia to answer open-domain questions, while [Kirchenbauer and Barns](#) leverage it in a retrieval augmented generation (RAG) setup to reduce hallucination in question answering. In addition, [Reid et al. \(2022\)](#) use Wikipedia as an external resource to improve offline reinforcement learning tasks. However, in spite of its extensive usage and popularity, several categories on Wikipedia either lack decent coverage or the articles are not of acceptable quality.

¹Code and Data are available at https://github.com/sayantana11995/wikipedia_enrichment

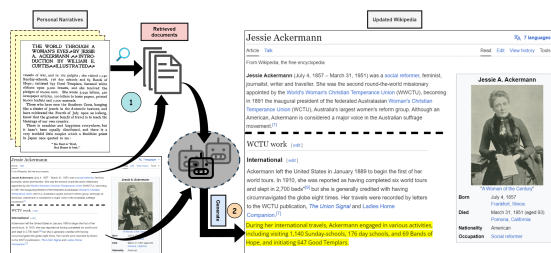


Figure 1: Overview of Wikipedia section enhancement from personal narratives.

Creating new articles and editing older ones consumes significant time and resources, making it an expensive endeavor ([Banerjee and Mitra, 2015a](#)). Despite advances in text generation and retrieval-based modeling architectures, the automatic creation of Wikipedia articles remains incredibly challenging ([Liu et al., 2018](#)). Particularly, articles categorized as B and C², especially those on lesser-known biographies, often lack depth and detail. Enhancing these “tail” articles is crucial for providing comprehensive and accurate information to users, thus fulfilling Wikipedia’s mission of offering reliable and detailed knowledge across all subjects.

Previous work on generating Wikipedia articles has generally focused on generating full Wikipedia article. For example, [Liu et al. \(2018\)](#) assume that reference documents are provided in advance, while [Fan and Gardent \(2022\)](#) assume an article outline is already available for generating full Wikipedia page. These assumptions do not hold universally, as the process of collecting references is inherently complex and resource-intensive. Moreover, these systems are not useful for updating existing texts as they can only generate text from scratch. [Iv et al. \(2022\)](#) address this gap by proposing an approach to generate grounded text from given structured evidence to update existing text. This poses unique challenge as, the generated text

²https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Content_assessment

needs to be faithful to both the original article and the external evidence, and determine which is relevant and which can be ignored.

To the best of our knowledge, none of the previous works specifically explore the use of personal narratives to enrich Wikipedia content. Personal narratives offer a wealth of detailed, first-hand information. Autobiographies, as personal narratives, provide unique insights into individuals' consciousness and motivations, capturing historical details within the context of personal experiences (Pascal, 2015; Popkin, 2005; Aurell, 2006). Similarly, biographies, inherently tied to history, make the past more accessible and connected (Caine, 2018; Garraty, 1957). By integrating rich, first-hand information from personal narratives, we aim to provide more comprehensive and accurate content. We present a scalable solution for improving Wikipedia content quality, directly benefiting industries that rely on accurate knowledge bases, such as education, media, and digital libraries. Our contributions are as follows:

- We propose a novel multi-staged approach REVERSUM to incorporate personal narratives, such as autobiographies and biographies to enhance Wikipedia tail articles, a problem which has not been extensively explored in previous research.
- We collect a large number of personal narratives relevant to the corresponding Wikipedia biography pages (53 for Class B, and 49 for Class C), which can be a good source of factually correct information.
- We rigorously evaluate the generated content using both automatic and crowd-based evaluations. Our method surpasses the standard RAG approach in readability, understandability, and information quality. Based on crowd-sourced evaluation we find that REVERSUM substantially outperforms the best-performing baseline in terms of informativeness and integrability. Specifically, human judges mark 92% of the generated content as integrable and 96% as informative.

2 Related work

Automatic Wikipedia article enhancement: Automatic Wikipedia enhancement has been studied for more than a decade (Banerjee and Mitra, 2015a; Liu et al., 2018; Fan and Gardent, 2022; Banerjee and Mitra, 2016; Zhang et al., 2024). In recent

times, Zhang et al. (2024) leveraged RAG to create full length Wikipedia articles.

Grounded content generation using RAG: Augmenting language models (LMs) with retrieval at inference time is a typical way to leverage external knowledge stores (Ram et al., 2023; Izacard et al., 2023). While some works use retrieval to construct demonstrations for in-context learning (Poesia et al., 2022; Khattab et al., 2022), others (Lewis et al., 2020; Menick et al., 2022; Gao et al., 2023; Bohnet et al., 2023; Qian et al., 2023) use retrieval to provide additional information for LMs to ground on. While RAG is widely studied in question answering, how to use it for expanding a Wikipedia section is less investigated.

Present work: Although, there are several lines of work which are related to ours, none of them leverage personal narratives to improve Wikipedia articles. We carefully curate a set of autobiographies/biographies and develop algorithms so that the generated content is grounded on these narratives. In specific, we use a two-stage RAG pipeline for enhancing Wikipedia tail articles and outperform the most competing baseline.

3 Data collection

We employ a systematic approach to leverage autobiographical and biographical writings to enhance corresponding Wikipedia biography pages. This section details the process of selecting biographies and scraping biographical writings from digital libraries.

Selecting biographies: Wikipedia classifies its articles into several quality categories, such as FA (Featured Articles) and GA (Good Articles), A, B etc. For this study, we focus on biographies categorized as B and C. These categories represent articles that are informative but have significant scope for improvement. Our goal is to enrich these articles by integrating more comprehensive information. To begin with, we compile a list of titles from all B and C category biography articles on Wikipedia. This list serves as the basis for our subsequent scraping efforts. By targeting these specific categories, we aim to improve the quality and completeness of articles that currently lack sufficient information.

Scraping biographical writings. We utilize online digital libraries, particularly *Internet Archive*³, to source the biographical writings required for our

³www.archive.org

enhancements. *Internet Archive* provides a vast collection of scanned historical books, making it an ideal resource for our purposes.

Automated search: To locate relevant biographical writings, we use the Internet Archive API⁴. For each name in our list of B and C class Wikipedia biographies, we search for the person name in the whole Internet Archive to retrieve the web link of the first item where textual content is available. These initial results are then subjected to a manual verification to filter out irrelevant and noisy links.

Manual verification: Due to the ambiguity in names and the nature of automated searches, many search results contain irrelevant or noisy information. To address this issue, we employ a post-graduate student who is a frequent Wikipedia user to manually verify the collected links. This step is crucial to ensure the quality and relevance of the biographical writings that we ultimately use. The manual verification process involves filtering noisy links that are not relevant to the specific Wikipedia biography or contain irrelevant information. We, then utilize the verified biographical writings to enrich the Wikipedia biography pages. By integrating detailed and reliable information from these sources, we aim to significantly improve the quality of the biographies on Wikipedia using the methodology described in Section 5.

Dataset details: Our dataset contains a total of 102 personal narratives (53 for Wikipedia class B, 49 for Wikipedia class C) from a diverse set of profiles. The detailed description of the personal narratives are noted in Table 4.

4 Task description

Our primary goal is to enhance biographical Wikipedia articles, especially those that are less comprehensive (B and C category articles), by leveraging personal narratives such as autobiographies and biographies. Consider, for a particular person P , W_P is the Wikipedia page for P consisting of n sections, W_{S_i} is the current section content for the section S_i , such that $W_P = \bigcup W_{S_i}$ where $i \in \{1..n\}$. Now, our goal is to utilize the personal narrative B (e.g., biography) of P to generate a text G_{S_i} that is coherent with and relevant to W_{S_i} such that the new content becomes W'_{S_i} , where $W'_{S_i} = W_{S_i} + G_{S_i}$.

⁴<https://archive.org/developers/quick-start-pip.html>

5 Methodology

5.1 Pilot study with standard RAG

We employ a standard RAG approach to enhance specific sections of biographical Wikipedia pages using corresponding personal narratives, such as autobiographies or biographies.

Retriever: Given a biographical Wikipedia page, we first consider the corresponding personal narrative (autobiography or biography) as the source of external knowledge. We, then split the text (i.e., personal narrative) into several chunks of fixed length (we vary the length $\in \{600, 800, 1000, 1200\}$ characters) with a window of 200 using *RecursiveTextSplitter*⁵. Following this we embed each of the chunks using sentence-bert⁶ embeddings and store them in a vector database (we choose *ChromaDB*⁷). Subsequently, we curate a query consisting of the *section title* and *section content* of the Wikipedia article, and use maximum marginal relevance (MMR) based search to retrieve top k chunks (we vary $k \in \{2 - 5\}$) relevant to the query.

Generation and section enhancement: We use several state-of-the-art large language models (LLM) to perform text generation. This generated text can be appended to an existing Wikipedia section. First, we carefully design a prompt which consist of two inputs - (1) the existing content of the Wikipedia section, (2) retrieved context (top k chunks relevant to retrieval query) and an instruction. The exact prompt can be found in Table 5 of Appendix B.

Generated content analysis: As, LLM generated contents are oftentimes prone to hallucination, there is a need for manual verification for the content. We randomly select 100 Wikipedia sections and the corresponding generated content to evaluate the quality of the content. The evaluation was done by 9 Wikipedia users including an expert in Wikipedia research all of whom voluntarily participated in the task. We ask the participants whether the generated content can be integrated with the existing content or not, and a free text field to fill any concern about the generated content. We observe that, overall, in 56% cases the participants

⁵https://python.langchain.com/v0.1/docs/modules/data_connection/document_transformers/recursive_text_splitter/

⁶<https://huggingface.co/sentence-transformers/all-mpnet-base-v2>

⁷We also use other open-source vector stores - *FAISS*, *Pinecone* but do not observe significant difference.

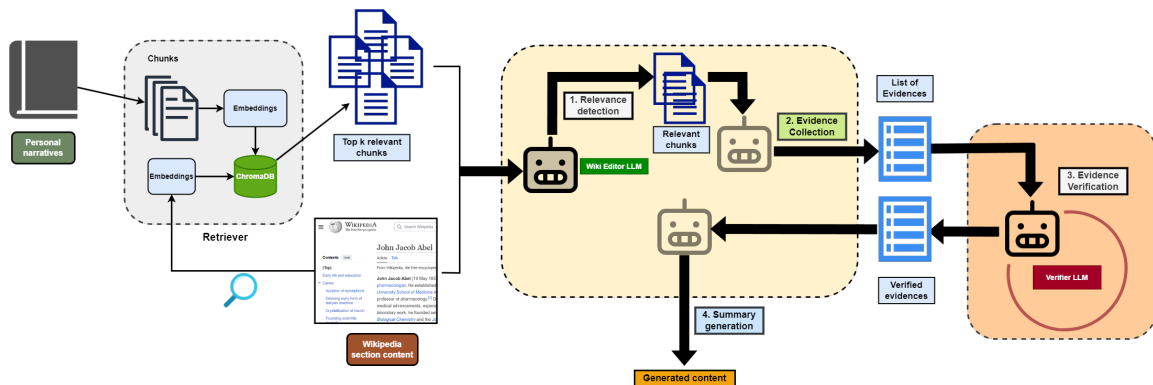


Figure 2: A schematic of REVERSUM. LLMs in the same block represents that they are in same chat session.

mentioned that the generated contents are just a summary of the already existing Wikipedia content. This demonstrates that a simple RAG based generation pipeline might not be an accurate choice for this task.

5.2 REVERSUM

In this setup we propose a multi-staged generation approach containing Relevance detection, Evidence collection, Verification, and Summarization – REVERSUM, which aims to reduce redundant information and ensure the generation of grounded and accurate content from personal narratives. A schematic of REVERSUM is presented in Figure 2.

In the retrieval phase we use the same technique as the initial RAG based approach. Before the generation we execute the following steps.

Relevance detection: The first stage of REVERSUM comprises an LLM, used for identifying the most relevant chunk out of the top k retrieved chunks from the retrieval phase for a specific section content. We use the specific section content and the retrieved chunks as input to the LLM, and ask to respond only the most relevant chunks based on the section content. We provide the privilege to the LLM to produce ‘No relevant chunks’ in case it thinks there is no chunk related to the section content. The exact prompt for this relevance detection phase is shown in Table 6 of Appendix B.

Evidence collection: In this second step, we select evidences from the most relevant documents identified in the previous step. We use the previous chat history, while performing the evidence collection step. This step yields a list of evidences (specific phrases) from the retrieved chunks. The exact prompt for selecting the evidence can be found in Table 7 of Appendix B.

Verification: The verification stage ensures that the extracted evidences originate solely from the retrieved chunks, maintaining the integrity and reliability of the information. To mitigate hallucinations, we use a separate chat session for this phase. During verification, the input to the LLM contains only the “retrieved chunks” and “extracted evidences” from the source material, with no extraneous information. The LLM verifies whether each evidence is present in the retrieved chunks, ensuring no external or unsupported information is introduced. This process results in a list of evidences confirmed to be from the retrieved chunks, guaranteeing their relevance and accuracy. The prompt for verification can be found in Table 8 of Appendix B.

Summarization: In the final stage, the LLM generates a summarized content from the verified evidences, ensuring seamless integration with the existing section content. We provide the LLM with the verified evidences and instruct it to generate a concise and coherent summary based on these evidences. The summary is designed to integrate seamlessly with the existing content of the Wikipedia section. The prompt for verification can be found in Table 9 of Appendix B. We use Llama-3-8b-instruct model as the LLM. The implementation details and hyperparameters can be found in Appendix D.

5.3 Handling negative scenario

In some cases, it is possible that from the retrieved context the particular Wikipedia section cannot be expanded due to semantic or factual differences. We handle such cases, using two approaches. **Thresholding in retrieval:** The retrieved contexts are generally based on the semantic similarity between the existing Wikipedia section content and

the chunks from the personal narratives. We apply a threshold similarity value of 0.3⁸, only beyond which we consider expanding the particular section from the retrieved contexts.

Using prompting: Sometimes, top semantically similar retrieved contexts may not be appropriate for expanding particular Wikipedia section. To tackle such scenarios, we use an appropriate prompt which can tell whether the Wikipedia section can be expanded or not from the retrieved contexts during the generation phase.

5.4 Baselines

There is no recent work that directly addresses the specific task of enhancing lesser-known Wikipedia biographies. Most contemporary approaches focus either on generating full-length Wikipedia articles using web-based sources (Zhang et al., 2024; Shao et al., 2024), or augmenting content related to well known events (Iv et al., 2022). Banerjee and Mitra (2015b) worked on enhancing Wikipedia stubs. To provide a broader baseline, we implemented an approach inspired by Banerjee and Mitra (2015b), tailored to our use case. Rather than web-based retrieval, we employ a vector store retrieval to obtain similar documents and integrate a more advanced summarization technique using a generative model (LLAMA-3). In contrast, Banerjee and Mitra (2015b) used integer linear programming (ILP)-based abstractive summarization. In addition, we propose two strong baselines along with REVERSUM.

Key-phrase extraction from personal narrative:

We split the personal narratives into chapters and extract key phrases using three techniques: (i) Key-Bert (Grootendorst, 2020), (ii) Yake (Campos et al., 2020) and, (iii) Rakun2 (Škrlić et al., 2022). From each chapter, we extract five key phrases, varying the number of words (1-3).

Key-phrase focused paragraphs: We generate paragraphs relevant to each key phrase using two methods:

1. Coherence score (Jwalapuram et al., 2022)

based: Sentences from the chapters are split using sentence breaks and encoded with sentence-bert embeddings. We select the top 20 sentences based on cosine similarity to the key phrase. A paragraph is initialized with the most similar sentence, and sentences are appended if the coherence score improves.

⁸We apply a grid search of sets of 0.1 to select this particular value.

2. *RAG-based:* We use key phrases as queries to retrieve top chunks from the narratives. An LLM then generates a paragraph from these chunks.

Wiki-section to key-phrases map: We map the key phrases (kp) and their focused paragraphs (P) to Wikipedia sections (S). Using sentence-bert, we encode key phrases, paragraphs, and sections, measuring similarity through three features: cosine similarity between section and key-phrase embeddings, section and paragraph embeddings, and key-phrase and paragraph embeddings. The final similarity between a section S_i and a key-phrase kp_j is given by: $\alpha * sim(S_i, kp_j) - \beta * sim(S_i, P_j) + \gamma * sim(kp_j, P_j)$ where α , β , and γ are hyperparameters. The expression attempts to select those paragraphs (P_j) that are similar to the key-phrases but at the same time distant from the section content to avoid inclusion of redundant information. More experimental details about the baselines are provided in Appendix C.

5.5 Evaluation metrics

Most of the previous evaluation strategies such as ORES⁹ employ Wikipedia revision ids for evaluating the quality of a Wikipedia page. However, in our case this approach is not applicable. A more suitable metric has been suggested in (Sugandhika and Ahangama, 2022), which includes E (Expertise), A (Authority), and T (Trustworthiness). However, we had to exclude A and T as these are dependent on page links, number of edits, since we are only adding the textual content. E is measured in terms of the Quality of a Wikipedia page content which is defined as: $Quality = 0.255 * Informativeness + 0.654 * Readability + 0.557 * Understandability$. Informativeness represents the size of the textual content present in the Wikipedia page, readability and understandability provide insights about the linguistic quality and are defined as:

$$Informativeness = 0.12 * page-size + 0.151 * \#sentences + 0.154 * \#words + 0.155 * \#complex-words;$$

$$Readability = 0.213 * Flesch-Kincaid-grade-evel + 0.185 * Coleman-Liau-index + 0.26 * \%complex-words + 0.253 * avg-syllables-per-word;$$

$$Understandability = 0.393 * Gunning-Fog-score + 0.352 * SMOG-index + 0.181 * automated-readability-index + 0.344 * avg-words-per-sentence;$$

We measure the relative improvement as: $\Delta Quality = Quality(W_S + G_S) - Quality(W_S)$. However, the simple ‘Informativeness’

⁹<https://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/ORES>

ness’ metric does not take into the account (a) how much new information has been added, and (b) how much appropriate the content is in continuing the existing section. To tackle this, we propose a ‘Calibrated Informativeness (CI)’, formally defined as: $\Delta CI = \Delta Informativeness * \text{fraction-of-newly-added-words} * \text{continuation-score}$ where, the fraction of new added words determines how much new information has been added, and the continuation score determines how much the new content is appropriate in expanding the existing section content. To measure the continuation score we employ a supervised approach by fine-tuning a Llama-3-8b-instruct model. The fine-tuning strategy is discussed in details in Appendix E.

Wikipedia class	Method	ΔCI	$\Delta Und.$	$\Delta Read.$	$\Delta Quality$
class B	Banerjee and Mitra (2015b)*	23.23	-0.35	-0.03	5.71
	Key-phrase to section mapping (Coherence score based)	57.26	-0.62	0.01	14.2
	Key-phrase to section mapping (RAG based)	51.5	-0.28	0.03	12.94
	Standard RAG	49.29	-0.08	-0.01	12.51
	REVERSUM	61.27	0.27	0.10	15.84
class C	Banerjee and Mitra (2015b)*	18.8	0.24	-0.01	4.94
	Key-phrase to section mapping (Coherence score based)	8.34	-0.23	0.04	2.0
	Key-phrase to section mapping (RAG based)	7.38	-0.11	0.03	1.83
	Standard RAG	38.61	0.29	0.14	10.12
	REVERSUM	59.26	0.35	0.08	13.00

Table 1: Comparative results for REVERSUM with other baselines. The metrics are averaged across all biographies for each Wikipedia class. The best results are in **boldface** and **highlighted**. * We use a modified implementation of Banerjee and Mitra (2015b).

6 Results

The key results are subdivided based on two ways of evaluation – automatic and manual.

Automatic evaluation: We report the results of the automatic evaluation in Table 1. In terms of average overall quality as well as in terms of all the individual component averages, REVERSUM substantially outperforms the other baselines for the class B articles. For the class C articles, while the average overall quality is again best for REVERSUM, it only slightly underperforms in terms of average readability. We conduct a Mann-Whitney U-test to compare the REVERSUM-based results with the best-performing baseline (standard RAG-based) for both B and C category articles. For the B category, we observe statistically significant improvements (p -value < 0.05) across all four metrics: understandability, readability, calibrated informativeness, and quality. For the C category, statistically significant improvements (p -value < 0.05) were observed for calibrated informativeness and quality. The results for each individual article is noted in Table 14 of

Appendix G.1.

Manual evaluation: We randomly select 100 Wikipedia section and the corresponding generated content from REVERSUM for the manual evaluation¹⁰. We employ 8 individuals from a diverse backgrounds to manually verify the generated content. For each of the samples (existing Wikipedia section and the generated content), we first ask whether the generated content can be seamlessly integrated with the existing Wikipedia section followed by a few questions related to informativeness, understandability, and readability. We obtain two judgments per sample. We observe that in a total of 92% cases the annotators marked ‘yes’ for whether the generated content can be integrated with the existing section (Cohen’s κ score of 0.84). Similarly, in 96%, 98%, and 99% cases the annotators found the generated contents are informative, understandable, and readable respectively. Also there was no case where the annotator raised concern about generating duplicate information from the existing section. For the best performing baseline in terms of automatic evaluation (i.e., standard RAG based approach) the number of cases where the annotators marked yes is 75% for the integrability, while in 67.5%, 98%, and 98% cases the annotators found the generated contents are informative, understandable, and readable respectively. In addition, we obtain a GPT-4 based *faithfulness* (Es et al., 2024) score of 0.95 for the REVERSUM generated summary with respect to the content from the personal narratives. The details of the evaluation of the generated summary are provided in Appendix H.1. These results together portray the overall impressive performance of the REVERSUM¹¹.

7 Analysis

7.1 Analysis of the negative scenario

We analyze the cases where the overall pipeline is not able to generate a coherent content that can be integrated with the existing Wikipedia section. This can happen due to the poor semantic relation of the retrieved chunks from the personal narratives with the section content or the REVERSUM pipeline finding insufficient information to enhance the existing content. We observe that, in around 16% cases the retrieved documents are less sim-

¹⁰We compensate the annotators with a \$4 amazon gift voucher each.

¹¹Some failure cases are discussed in Appendix 7.1.

ilar (than threshold value of 0.3) to the existing content. In around 35% cases, the REVERSUM pipeline judges the retrieved information is not sufficient to expand the existing section content. Each stage-wise details are provided in Table 2. Further analysis is presented in Appendix H.

Reason for non-expansion	Percentage
Retrieval	16%
Relevance detection	12%
Evidence collection	3%
Evidence verification	19%
Summary generation	1%

Table 2: Stage-wise percentages of non-expandable cases.

7.2 Which portion of the narrative is important for which section

We aim to observe which part of the input personal narratives are more crucial in expanding which Wikipedia section. During the retrieval of context we utilize the relative position of the divided chunks to understand the positional relevance of the particular chunk in the personal narrative with respect to the particular Wikipedia section. We divide all the section titles to 10 predefined categories and plot the average relative position of the retrieved chunks. The plot is shown in Figure 3. We notice that, the initial portions of the personal narratives are relevant to the sections such as ‘Early life’, ‘Education’, and ‘Awards and Honors’, whereas the later portion of the personal narratives are more related to the sections like ‘Political involvement’ and ‘Military activities’.

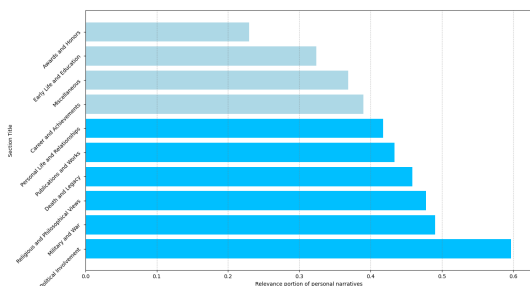


Figure 3: Relevance of different portions of the personal narratives with respect to the Wikipedia section.

8 Ablation study

We use ablation to understand the effectiveness of each stage in REVERSUM. We show the average results (for both B and C class books) in Table 3. We can observe that, without *Evidence verification* stage, the quality of the generated content reduce drastically.

		ΔCI	$\Delta Understandability$	$\Delta Readability$	$\Delta Quality$
REVERSUM	Actual	60.27	0.31	0.09	14.41
	w/o Relevance detection	55.40	0.36	0.04	14.38
	w/o Evidence collection	51.33	0.17	0.03	13.22
	w/o Evidence verification	47.25	0.23	0.03	12.22
	w/o Summary generation	52.89	0.07	0.02	13.54

Table 3: Results without different stages in REVERSUM. Note that in *w/o Evidence collection* stage we did not consider the verification.

9 Additional details

Generalizing REVERSUM for other Wikipedia article types. Our approach is specifically tailored for Wikipedia tail articles, focusing on sequentially enhancing their sections. Currently, we limit our methodology to B and C classes, as lower-category articles often lack well-defined sections. In future, we aim to explore how this approach can be generalized to accommodate a broader range of Wikipedia article types.

Inter-section redundancy of the generated content. Our current methodology independently enhances each Wikipedia section, and we do not explicitly measure inter-section alignment or ensure consistency across sections. To avoid duplication across other sections, our system relies on section-specific relevance cues during retrieval and evidence selection. However, we acknowledge that ensuring absolute non-duplication across all sections is challenging. Future work could explore inter-section alignment strategies to refine this process further and ensure maximal informativeness while minimizing overlap.

10 Conclusion

In this study, we introduced REVERSUM, a novel multi-staged RAG pipeline to enhance Wikipedia biographies of lesser-known individuals using personal narratives. Our approach systematically incorporates relevance detection, evidence collection, verification, and summarization to ensure the generation of accurate and informative content. Through rigorous evaluation, both automatic and manual, we demonstrated that REVERSUM substantially outperforms the traditional RAG-based methods.

11 Limitations

Despite the promising results, our study has certain limitations. First, the reliance on personal narratives such as autobiographies/biographies may introduce a subjective bias, as these sources often reflect personal perspectives and interpretations

which could be in conflict with Wikipedia’s neutral point of view policy. In addition, our manual verification process, while necessary to ensure content quality, is inherently subjective and may lead to inconsistencies in the evaluation of relevance and accuracy. The dataset of personal narratives, though diverse, may not be representative of all lesser-known biographies, potentially limiting the generalizability of our approach. Future research should explore the integration of more diverse sources and the development of automated verification techniques to address these limitations.

12 Ethical considerations

The biographical writings used for data collection were sourced from publicly available digital libraries, ensuring compliance with copyright policies and respect for intellectual property rights. We ensured that all human annotators involved in the manual verification process participated voluntarily and provided informed consent. No personally identifiable information was collected from the annotators, preserving their anonymity and privacy. Further, we took every measure to avoid the inclusion of any sensitive or potentially harmful content in the enhanced Wikipedia articles.

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Appendices

A Details of personal narratives

The details of the personal narratives collected and the corresponding statistics are provided in Table 4.

B Prompts

The prompt for standard RAG based approach is represented in Table 5. The prompts for Relevance detection, evidence extraction, evidence verification, and summary generation are represented in Table 6, Table 7, Table 8, and Table 9 respectively.

C Baselines details

Since there are no appropriate baselines for this task, we propose two strong baselines along with REVERSUM. **Key-phrase extraction from personal narrative:** We, first split the personal narrative (autobiography/biography) into several chapters based on the chapter names mentioned. We, then employ three different key-phrase extraction techniques: (i) KeyBert (Grootendorst, 2020), (ii) Yake (Campos et al., 2020) and, (iii) Rakun2 (Škrlić et al., 2022) from each of the chapters to extract 5 key-phrases and take union of these. We vary the number of words $\in \{1, 3\}$ for extracting the key-phrases.

Key-phrase focused paragraphs: Once we extract an initial set of key-phrases, we attempt to generate a relevant and coherent paragraph from the book (i.e., autobiography or biography) related to each of the key-phrases. We employ two different methods for generating key-phrase focused paragraph - 1) Coherence score (Jwalapuram et al., 2022) based, 2) RAG based.

1. *Coherence score based:* We first split the chapters of the book into a list of sentences using sentence breaks (i.e., ".", "!", "?"). Then we use sentence-bert based embeddings to encode each of the sentences as well as the key-phrase to a 768-dimensional vector space. We measure cosine similarity between the sentences and the key-phrase, and select the top 20 sentences as the initial set (R). We first initialize the paragraph (S) with the most similar sentence from the R . Then for the remaining sentences in R , we update S by appending a sentence only if the coherence score¹² of the updated S is higher than the actual S . We continue this step until we exhaust all the sentences in R .

¹²<https://huggingface.co/aisingapore/coherence-momentum>

2. *RAG based:* We apply similar retrieval method mentioned in Section 5, where we use the key-phrases as query to retrieve top k chunks from the personal narratives. Then we use an LLM to generate a paragraph from the retrieved chunks.

Wiki-section to key-phrases map: Once we obtain the list of important key-phrases (kp), and their corresponding key-phrase focused paragraphs (P), the next task is to identify the top key-phrases (set to five) among the list of key-phrases that are most relevant to a Wikipedia section pertaining to the personality. We use the sentence-bert to encode the key-phrases, paragraphs, and the Wikipedia sections (S). To measure the section-wise similarity to key-phrases, we use three features - cosine similarity between section embeddings and key-phrase embeddings, cosine similarity between section embeddings and the paragraph embeddings, and the cosine similarity between the key-phrase embeddings and paragraph embeddings. We use a weighted score of these 3 features to get the final similarity score between section and a key-phrase. The weighted similarity between a section S_i and a key-phrase kp_j is given by: $\alpha * sim(S_i, kp_j) - \beta * sim(S_i, P_j) + \gamma * sim(kp_j, P_j)$ where α , β , and γ are hyperparameters. The expression attempts to select those paragraphs (P_j) that are similar to the key-phrases but at the same time distant from the section content to avoid inclusion of redundant information.

D Model implementation details

The retrieval phase employed a maximum marginal relevance (MMR) search with a top-k value set to 4. For the implementation of REVERSUM, we utilized the Llama-3-8b-instruct model from HuggingFace. We set the hyperparameters - max_new_tokens: 250, do_sample:True, temperature:0.7, top_p:0.9. We set the same set of hyperparameters for each phase of REVERSUM

During fine-tuning the same model was fine-tuned on a dataset of 34,576 datapoints, using a learning rate of 2e-5 and a batch size of 16. The training was conducted over 10 epochs, leveraging an NVIDIA A100 GPU with 40 GB memory.

In the baseline, we set α as 3, β as 2, and γ as 1

Standard RAG based generation prompt (direct prompting)

You are an expert in editing Wikipedia biography articles from external resources. You are assigned to expand the content of the given Wikipedia section about the personality: "{person_name}". You are provided with the section content below which requires expansion:

Section title: {section_title}

Section content: {section_content}

Based on the above content, I have gathered some documents below:

Document 1: {chunk1}

Document 2: {chunk2}

Document 3: {chunk3}

...

As an expert, generate a coherent, insightful and neutral expansion of the "Section content". DO NOT use first person words such as "I", "my". DO NOT use any external information. DO NOT add any duplicate sentence from the "Section content". If it is not possible to expand the content from the documents, say so.

Table 5: Standard RAG based generation prompt.

Relevance detection prompt

You are an expert in editing Wikipedia biography articles from external resources. You are assigned to expand the content of the given Wikipedia section about the personality: "{person_name}". You are provided with the section content below which requires expansion:

Section title: {section_title}

Section content: {section_content}

Based on the above content, I have gathered some documents below:

Document 1: {chunk1}

Document 2: {chunk2}

Document 3: {chunk3}

...

As an expert, please identify which document(s) from the list is/are relevant to the above section content. Mention the document ID(s) without any explanation. If you feel no document from the above list is relevant, simply state "*No documents are relevant*".

Table 6: Relevance detection prompt.

E Details of calibrated informativeness

We measure the relative improvement as:

$$\Delta Quality = Quality(W_S + G_S) -$$

$Quality(W_S)$. However, the simple ‘Informativeness’ metric does not take into the account (a) how much new information has been added, and (b)

Evidence extraction prompt

{chat history for relevance detection}

As an expert in Wikipedia editor, can you extract the evidences only from the relevant document(s) you identified, which can be seamlessly integrated with the mentioned section? Just response the supporting evidences as numbered list without any further details. Format should be - <1. Evidence 1>\n<2. Evidence 2>. If you feel that there is no supporting evidence, say "*No evidence.*"

Table 7: Evidence extraction prompt.

Evidence verification prompt

You are an expert at document reviewing and you are assigned to review whether the given list of evidences are extracted from the below documents

Evidences:

{evidences}

From the above statements can you tell me which statements are actually extracted from the below documents:

Document 1: **{chunk1}**

Document 2: **{chunk2}**

Document 3: **{chunk3}**

...

Output format should be - <evidence number. evidence>. If there is no evidence extracted from the mentioned documents, say "*None.*"

Table 8: Evidence verification prompt.

Summary generation prompt

{previous chat history for the evidence collection}

As an expert in Wikipedia editor, can you make a consize summary from the given evidences, which can be seamlessly integrated with the mentioned section? Make your response as informative as possible without any duplicate information from the original content. Just response the summary without any further details. If you feel that it is not possible to generate a consize summary, say "*Not possible.*"

Evidences:

{evidences}

Table 9: Summary generation prompt.

how much appropriate the content is in continuing the existing section. To tackle this, we propose a ‘Calibrated Informativeness (CI)’, formally defined as: $\Delta CI = \Delta Informativeness * \text{Fraction of new added words} * \text{Continuation Score}$ where, the fraction of new added words determines how much new information has been added, and the continuation score determines how much the new content is appropriate in expanding the existing section content. To measure the continuation score we employ a supervised approach by fine-tuning a Llama-3 chat model. We curate a dataset by considering all the **FA category**¹³ biographical articles as our training data. Overall 1529 FA category biographies are present in the Wikipedia English corpus. For a given FA page, if there are n paragraphs in a section, we consider the first $(n - 1)$ paragraphs as the existing content and consider the n^{th} paragraph as the ground truth for generated content. We ignore the section where the number of paragraphs are less than 2. To generate negative examples, we randomly select a paragraph from a Wikipedia section of a different biographical article. Finally, each of the training example would contain an incomplete Wikipedia section (containing $(n - 1)$ paragraphs) and an output paragraph (n^{th} paragraph for positive case; any random paragraph for negative case). Overall, we have 34,576 datapoints for fine-tuning. Similar to [Nogueira et al. \(2020\)](#) we formulate the problem as a binary classification task, and the input prompt is:

Incomplete content: {existing content}
 Generated content: {paragraph}
 Is the ‘generated content’ an appropriate continuation to the ‘incomplete content’? Answer yes/no:

The model is fine-tuned to produce the words yes or no depending on whether the generated content is an appropriate continuation to the incomplete content. That is, yes and no are the ‘target words’ (i.e., ground truth predictions in the sequence-to-sequence transformation). To generate training and test examples for the models, we iterate over each Wikipedia section and create (incomplete content, generated content, label) example triples for each positive and negative paragraph. The label is yes if the paragraph is the actual n^{th} paragraph for the given incomplete content (positive triple) and no (negative triple) otherwise. At inference time, to

¹³Note that, we consider B and C category articles during inference.

compute probabilities for each ‘existing Wikipedia section-generated content’ pair, we retrieve the unprocessed next-token probabilities for the tokens yes and no. From these, we calculate the continuation score as follows.

$$\text{Continuation score}_{(W_{S_i}, G_{S_i})} = \frac{p(\text{yes}|P_r)}{p(\text{yes}|P_r) + p(\text{no}|P_r)} \quad (1)$$

where, W_{S_i} is the existing Wikipedia section content, G_{S_i} is the generated content and P is the prompt.

E.1 Effectiveness of calibrated informativeness

The standard *informativeness* metric focuses solely on the amount of content added, but it does not account for two critical factors: (a) the novelty of the information introduced, and (b) the appropriateness of the new content in relation to the existing section. During manual inspection of qualitative examples, we observed that the simple *informativeness* metric showed significant increases when large amounts of content were generated, regardless of the content’s relevance or quality. To address these shortcomings, we propose a normalized *informativeness* (CI) metric, which incorporates both the novelty of the content and its appropriateness for the section. For instance, in [Table 10](#), for the standard RAG-based approach, the simple *informativeness* score was measured as 27.25, with a new_word_ratio of 0.40 and a continuation_score of 0.45, resulting in a final CI score of 4.97. In contrast, for REVERSUM, the *informativeness* score was 9.86, with a new_word_ratio of 0.59 and a continuation_score of 0.89, yielding a CI score of 5.21. This demonstrates the effectiveness of our proposed *calibrated informativeness* metric, as it provides a more nuanced assessment of both content quality and relevance.

Approach	Informativeness	New_word_ratio	Continuation_Score	Calibrated Informativeness (CI)
Coherence Score-Based	10.17	0.69	0.22	1.55
RAG Paragraph	23.26	0.77	0.13	2.35
Standard RAG-Based	27.25	0.40	0.45	4.97
REVERSUM	9.86	0.59	0.89	5.21

Table 10: Representative example of the effectiveness of *calibrated informativeness*.

F Qualitative examples

F.1 Comparative examples of generated content by different methods

In [Table 11](#) we present a representative example of generated content for a particular Wikipedia section by different approaches.

Table 11: Comparison of generated content for each of the methods

<p>Person: John Quincy Adams</p> <hr/> <p>Existing section: Monroe Doctrine</p> <p>As the Spanish Empire continued to fracture during Monroe’s second term, Adams, Monroe and Clay became increasingly concerned that the "Holy Alliance" of Prussia, Austria, and Russia would seek to bring Spain’s erstwhile colonies under their control, to the point of even contemplating a Holy Alliance of their own to defend democracy. In his 1821 Fourth of July address, Adams addressed this issue, noting a shared "chain of sympathy" between the U.S. and Latin America, but arguing for neutrality rather than a Holy Alliance.[83] In 1822, following the conclusion of the Adams–Onís Treaty, the Monroe administration recognized the independence of several Latin American countries, including Argentina and Mexico. In 1823, British Foreign Secretary George Canning suggested that the United States and Britain should work together to preserve the independence of these fledgling republics. The cabinet debated whether to accept the offer, but Adams opposed it. Instead, Adams urged Monroe to publicly declare the United States’ opposition to any European attempt to colonize or re-take control of territory in the Americas, while also committing the United States to neutrality in European affairs. In his December 1823 annual message to Congress, Monroe laid out the Monroe Doctrine, which was largely built upon Adams’s ideas.[84] In issuing the Monroe Doctrine, the United States displayed a new level of assertiveness in international relations, as the doctrine represented the country’s first claim to a sphere of influence. It also marked the country’s shift in psychological orientation away from Europe and towards the Americas. Debates over foreign policy would no longer center on relations with Britain and France, but instead focus on western expansion and relations with Native Americans.[85] The doctrine became one of the foundational principles of U.S. foreign policy.[84]</p>
<p>REVERSUM</p>
<p>The Monroe Doctrine was built upon John Quincy Adams’ proposal, stating that the American continents should not be considered as subject for future colonization by any European power. The doctrine warned that any interposition by a European power would be viewed as an unfriendly disposition towards the United States, effectively declaring war.</p>
<p>Standard RAG based (Direct prompting)</p>
<p>As the Spanish Empire fractured, Adams, Monroe, and Clay worried the "Holy Alliance" might control former Spanish colonies. Adams, in his 1821 Fourth of July address, emphasized neutrality over a Holy Alliance. Following the Adams–Onís Treaty in 1822, the Monroe administration recognized several Latin American countries’ independence. In 1823, Adams opposed a British suggestion to jointly preserve these republics’ independence. Instead, he urged Monroe to declare U.S. opposition to European colonization in the Americas while maintaining neutrality in European affairs. Monroe’s December 1823 message, influenced by Adams, introduced the Monroe Doctrine, asserting a U.S. sphere of influence and shifting focus from Europe to the Americas. Quincy’s proposal that the Americas were no longer open to European colonization was included verbatim. The doctrine deterred European ambitions, bolstered American confidence, and shifted European powers to prioritize trade over military engagement with the Americas.</p>
<p>Key-phrase to section mapping (Coherence score based)</p>
<p>Monroe was Under orders When the new British minister demanded an explanation, Monroe replied angrily that American ships had as much right the British refused, Congress declared British impressment and ship seizures War fever was infecting Europe After Russia refused to cease trading with Britain, Napoleon ordered French troops to the Russian border.</p>
<p>Key-phrase to section mapping (RAG based)</p>
<p>John Quincy Adams is best known for his writings on the subject of freedom, and his ideas on the subject have had a profound influence on American thought and policy. His article On the Conduct of Foreign Ministers, published in 1820, attracted much attention and was seen by many as a blueprint for a successful American foreign policy. Adams’s writings on freedom were particularly influential in the years leading up to the Civil War, when many Americans were grappling with questions about the limits of individual freedom and the role of the federal government in regulating society. Adams’s ideas helped to shape the way many Americans thought about these issues, and his writings continue to be studied by historians and policymakers today.</p>

F.2 Representative example of effectiveness of Relevance detection

In Table 12 we present a representative example to demonstrated how *evidence verification* helps in reducing redundancy.

F.3 Example of effectiveness of evidence verification

In Table 13 we present a representative example to demonstrated how *evidence verification* helps in reducing redundancy.

G Additional results

G.1 Individual results

The results of automatic evaluation of each of the individual personalities is presented in Table 14.

G.2 Comparison with other LLMs

We primarily use *Llama-3-8b-instruct* for our generation tasks. Additionally we conduct the similar generation tasks with few other open-source LLMs

to check how they would perform. The average results across different personalities are represented in Table 15. We observe that the *Llama-3-instruct* significantly (tested using Mann-Whitney U test) outperforms other LLMs in terms of Understandability and readability.

H Analysis

H.1 Factual correctness of LLM output

It is crucial to judge the correctness of the generated content as Wikipedia article should not contain incorrect details. First we designed our 4-step process (relevance detection, evidence extraction, evidence verification, and summarization) specifically to minimize hallucinations and ensure the generated content remains grounded in verified sources. The two critical steps –evidence extraction and evidence verification – are key to producing factually accurate content.

In particular, the evidence verification phase is designed to detect and mitigate hallucinations. To achieve this, we separated the chat sessions for this

Table 12: A representative example where the *Relevance detection* helps in reducing redundancy.

<p>Person: POPE ADRIAN IV</p> <hr/> <p>Existing section: Death</p> <p>At Anagni Hadrian proclaimed the emperor excommunicate and a few days later, to cool himself down [during the hot weather] he started off for a certain fountain along with his attendants. When he got there he drank deeply and at once (according to the story), a fly entered his mouth, stuck to his throat, and could not be shifted by any device of the doctors: and as a result, the pope died.[12] Burchard of Ursperg's Chronicon Urspergensis, c. 1159 By autumn 1159 it may have been clear to Adrian's household and companions that he had not long to live. This may have been at least in part caused by the stresses of his pontificate, suggests Norwich, which although short, was difficult.[267] Pope Adrian died in Anagni[290]—to where he had retired for security against the Emperor[184]—from quinsy[citation needed][note 65] on 1 September 1159. He died, says Norwich, "as many Popes had died before him, an embittered exile; and when death came to him, he welcomed it as a friend".[267] He was buried three days later[4] in an "undistinguished third-century sarcophagus"[267] porphyry tomb of his own choosing.[71][note 66] In 1607, the Italian archaeologist Giovanni Francesco Grimaldi excavated the crypt and in the process opened Adrian's tomb. He described the body, still well preserved, as that of an "undersized man, wearing Turkish slippers on his feet and, on his hand, a ring with a large emerald", and dressed in a dark Chasuble.[267][184] At the time of Adrian's death, Partner argues, "imperial pressure on the papacy was stronger than it had been since the time of Henry V, and it is not surprising that the cardinals were unable to agree about his successor".[292] It is likely that in the months presaging his death the cardinals were aware of the likelihood of a schism occurring soon afterwards:[143] Freed suggests that thanks to Adrian's own policies, "a split in the College of Cardinals was thus almost preordained", regardless of the Emperor's input.[293] Ullmann suggests that it was the ideological positions of individual cardinals which was shaping—and introducing faction to—the Curia in the last months of Adrian's pontificate.[156] However, Norwich states that Frederick Barbarossa orchestrated the schism himself.[294] In September 1159—now leading the Emperor's opponents[citation needed]—Adrian had agreed ("but did not swear") to excommunicate Barbarossa.[293] He also did not have time to judge the request of Scottish Legates who had been in Rome since that summer, who were requesting the Diocese of St Andrews be made a metropolitan.[295] and the beatification of Waltheof of Melrose.[296][note 67] One of his final acts was the blessing of his preferred successor, Bernard, Cardinal-Bishop of Porto,[4][note 68] testified Eberhard, Bishop of Bamberg to the Conclave.[157] This, suggests Sayers, could have been Adrian's "masterstroke". The election of Bernard—as a candidate acceptable to the Emperor—may have avoided the future schism.[4] That the Cardinals ended up agreeing with Adrian's choice indicates he had chosen wisely, argues Baumgartner.[94][note 69] Pope Adrian was buried in St Peter's on 4 September 1159. Present were three Imperial ambassadors who had been in attendance on the Pope when he died. They were Otto of Wittelsbach—who had tried to beat up Cardinal Roland at Besançon—Guido of Biandrate and Heribert of Aachen.[293][note 70] However, as soon as the Emperor heard of the Pope's death, says Madden, he "sent a group of agents and a great deal of money to Rome" in an attempt to secure the election of a successor with pro-Imperial sympathies.[299]</p> <p>Retrieved documents:</p> <p><i>Document 1:</i> 178 DOCUMENTS. asking the prayers of " those who read his book, and those who hear it read," he tells us that the news of Pope Adrian's death had reached him a little time before, and he adds that his own patron, Theobald, Archbishop of Canterbury, though still living, was weighed down by many infirmities.1 Now, Pope Adrian departed this life in 1159, and the death of Archbishop Theobald happened in 1161. Elence, Gale and the other editors of John of Salisbury's works, without a dissentient voice, rfer Metalogicus to the year 1159.</p> <p><i>Document 2:</i> Many changes had taken place in the capital of the Christian world during the two years of his absence. Pope Eugene the Third had been summoned to his reward, and had had for his successor the Bishop of Sabina, aged ninety years, who ascended the Papal Chair under the name of Anastasius the Fourth. On the 3rd of December, 1154, only a few weeks after Cardinal Break- speare's arrival in Rome, the Pontificate of Pope Anastasius was cut short by death. Rome being in a very disturbed State, the Cardinals met in St. Peter's without delay, and with one voice chose Nicholas Breakspeare as the sneccessor of St. Peter to guide the helm of Holy Church. He at first declined the onerous charge, but the clergy and laity took up the cry " Nicholas elected by God;" and at length he bent his shoulders to the burden. He took the title of Adrian the Fourth, and his coronation was celebrated with great pomp in St. Peter's, on the 24th December, 1154.</p> <p><i>Document 3:</i> this ceremony the Emperor rose and approached for the kiss of peace. It was now Adrian's turn. In dignified words he refused to grant it, and told the Emperor that until the usual homage was paid in full he would withhold his blessing and refuse to crown him. Whatever may be our judgment regarding the ceremonial details of those times, one cannot fail to be struck by the magni- ficent courage of the Pontiff. The Emperor used every argument that could be devised to change Adrian's resolution, but his words might as well be addressed to the rocks of Sutri. Threats or entreaties were alike of no avail to move the steady resolution of the Pope, who next day quitted the camp and returned to Nepi.</p> <p><i>Document 4:</i> career of Pope Adrian to suppose that such a Pontiff would assign to such a king the guardianship of the rights and liberties of the Irish Church. In reply to Father Morris's line of argument, Miss Norgate triumphantly appeals to the high opinion entertained by the English people of the character of their young Angevin King in the bright morning of his reign, the English Chronicle attesting that " all folk loved him, for he did good justice and made peace." This however, is not a sufficient reply to the argu- ment of Father Morris. It is quite true that in the first months of his reign in 1154, he left nothing undone to ingratiate himself with the English people, and hence he was for a time idolized by them, but this did not prevent him from ambitioning at the very outset of his reign to grasp the rich domains of the Church and to crush her liberties, and from the letters of the Archbishop of Canterbury it is more than probable that those designs of Henry</p> <p>Relevant documents identified by LLM (To reduce redundancy):</p> <p>1, 3</p> <p>List of collected evidences:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pope Adrian IV died in 1159, and his death was known to John of Salisbury, who was writing his book Metalogicus around that time. 2. The Pope's death may have been hastened by the stresses of his pontificate, which was marked by difficulties and challenges. <p>Evidence verification:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pope Adrian IV died in 1159, and his death was known to John of Salisbury, who was writing his book Metalogicus around that time. (Document 1) <p>Generated Summary:</p> <p>Pope Adrian IV's death in 1159 was known to John of Salisbury, who wrote his book Metalogicus around that time.</p>

phase (as shown in Figure 2). During verification, the input to the LLM contains only the “retrieved chunks” and “extracted evidences” from the source material, with no extraneous information. Furthermore, we instruct the LLM to cite the corresponding chunk number, ensuring that every generated

statement is directly grounded in the source.

To assess the correctness, we conducted a qualitative analysis of 50 randomly selected cases where the evidence verification phase yielded results. In this analysis, we did not encounter any instances of hallucinations, underscoring the robustness of

Table 13: A representative example where the *Evidence verification* helps in reducing duplicate information.

<p>Person: Aga Khan III</p> <p>=====</p> <p>Existing section: Early life He was born in Karachi, Sindh during the British Raj in 1877 (now Pakistan), to Aga Khan II, who migrated from Persia and his third wife,[5] Nawab A'lia Shamsul-Muluk, who was a granddaughter of Fath Ali Shah of Persia. After Eton College, he went on to study at the University of Cambridge.[6]</p> <p>Retrieved documents:</p> <p><i>Document 1:</i> enough of that. The Aga Khan is descended from the Prophet Mohammed through his daughter Fatima and is descended also from the Fatimite Caliphs of Egypt. He is justifiably proud of his illustrious ancestry. His grandfather, also known as Aga Khan, by inheritance spiritual head of the Ismailis, was a Persian nobleman, son-in-law of the powerful monarch, Fateh Ali Shah and hereditary chieftain of Kerman, Smarting under an insult that had been put upon him he took up arms against a later Shah, Mohammed by name, was worsted and forced to make his escape, attended by a few horsemen, through the deserts of Baluchistan to Sind. There he raised a troop of light horse and after various vicissitudes eventually reached Bombay with his two hundred horsemen, his relations, clients and supporters. He acquired a vast estate upon which he built palaces, innumerable smaller houses for his dependents and outbuildings, gardens and fountains. He lived in feudal state and never had less than a hundred horses in his</p> <p><i>Document 2:</i> it necessary. He has been a great theatergoer; he has loved the opera and the ballet. He is an assiduous reader. He has been occupied in affairs in which the fate of nations was involved. He has bred horses and raced them. He has been on terms of close friendship with kings and princes of the blood royal, maharajahs, viceroys, field marshals, actors and actresses, trainers, golf professionals, society beauties and society entertainers. He has founded a university. As head of a widely diffused sect, the Ismailis, he has throughout his life sedulously endeavored to further the welfare, spiritual and material, of his countless followers. Toward the end of this autobiography he remarks that he has never once been bored. That alone is enough to mark the Aga Khan out as a remarkable man. I must tell the reader at once that I am incompetent to deal with some of his multifarious activities. I know nothing of racing. I am so little interested in it that one day when I was lunching with the Aga Khan just</p> <p><i>Document 3:</i> Tehran; others are in Khorassan to the north and east around about Yazd, around Kerman and southward along the coast of the Persian Gulf from Bandar Abbas to the borders of Pakistan and Sind, and into Baluchistan. Others are in Afghanistan, in Kabul itself; there are many in Russia and Central Asia, around Yarkand, Kashgar and in many villages and settlements in Sinkiang. In India certain Hindu tribes were converted by missionaries sent to them by my ancestor, Shah Islam Shah, and took the name of Khojas; a similar process of conversion occurred in Burma as recently as the nineteenth century. Now that I have brought this brief record of Ismaili origin, vicissitudes and wanderings within sight of the contemporary world, it may be timely to give an account in some detail of the life and deeds of my grandfather, the first to be known as the Aga Khan, who emerged into the light of history early in the nineteenth century of the Christian era. His life was (as Mr. Justice Arnold observed) "adventurous</p> <p><i>Document 4:</i> the first to be known as the Aga Khan, who emerged into the light of history early in the nineteenth century of the Christian era. His life was (as Mr. Justice Arnold observed) "adventurous and romantic." He was the hereditary chieftain of the important city of Kerman and the son-in-law of the powerful and able Persian monarch, Fateh Ali Shah, holding considerable territorial possessions in addition to his inherited Imamate of the Ismailis. In 1838 he was involved in conflict with the then ruling Emperor Mohammed Shah, for reasons of which Mr. Justice Arnold gave the following account: "Hadji Mirza Ahasi, who had been the tutor of Mohammed Shah, was during the whole reign of his royal pupil (from 1834 to 1848) the Prime Minister of Persia. A Persian of very low origin formerly in the service of the Aga Khan, had become the chief favorite and minion of the all-powerful minister. This person, though his patron, had the impudence to demand in marriage for his son one of the daughters of the Aga Khan,</p> <p>Relevant documents identified by LLM (To reduce redundancy): 1, 4</p> <p>List of collected evidences: 1. He was born in Karachi, Sindh during the British Raj in 1877 (now Pakistan), to Aga Khan II, who migrated from Persia and his third wife, Nawab A'lia Shamsul-Muluk, who was a granddaughter of Fath Ali Shah of Persia. 2. His grandfather, also known as Aga Khan, by inheritance spiritual head of the Ismailis, was a Persian nobleman, son-in-law of the powerful monarch, Fateh Ali Shah and hereditary chieftain of Kerman.</p> <p>Evidence verification: 1. He was born in Karachi, Sindh during the British Raj in 1877 (now Pakistan), to Aga Khan II, who migrated from Persia and his third wife, Nawab A'lia Shamsul-Muluk, who was a granddaughter of Fath Ali Shah of Persia. 2. His grandfather, also known as Aga Khan, by inheritance spiritual head of the Ismailis, was a Persian nobleman, son-in-law of the powerful monarch, Fateh Ali Shah and hereditary chieftain of Kerman.</p> <p>(Document 1)</p> <p>Generated Summary: Aga Khan III's grandfather, also known as Aga Khan, was a Persian nobleman, son-in-law of Fateh Ali Shah, and hereditary chieftain of Kerman.</p>

our method. In addition, during the summarization phase, the LLM is explicitly instructed to generate content solely from the verified evidence, further reducing the potential for hallucinations. We further conducted a widely used GPT-4 based evaluation for measuring *faithfulness* of the generated summaries relative to the source. The generated content achieved an impressive average *faithfulness score* of 0.95, with all test cases passing—indicating that the content was factually accurate with respect to the source material (i.e., the retrieved chunks). This result provides strong evidence of the reliability

and accuracy of our approach. To compute the *faithfulness score*, we utilized DeepEval¹⁴, a robust tool for evaluating factual consistency in generated text and considered a threshold score of 0.75 as the passing criteria for the individual test cases.

I Interface for manual evaluation

We prepare a Flask based web interface to manually evaluate the generated content. The task instruction and a representative example for the task is depicted in Figure 4 and Figure 5 respectively.

¹⁴<https://github.com/confident-ai/deepeval>

Wikipedia Class	Person	ΔCI	$\Delta Understandability$	$\Delta Readability$	$\Delta Quality$
Class B	John_G_B_Adams	5.24	0.20	0.03	1.47
	Aga_Khan_III	59.15	0.22	0.04	15.23
	Giacinto_Achilli	33.28	0.66	0.08	8.91
	Hannah_Adams	56.07	0.49	0.06	14.61
	John_Quincy_Adams	200.82	0.35	0.12	51.48
	Halide_Edib_Adivar	39.45	0.58	0.17	10.49
	Pope_Adrian_IV	110.26	0.14	0.02	28.21
	John_Jacob_Abel	65.02	0.72	0.39	17.23
	Adam_of_Usk	20.95	0.00	0.00	5.34
	Jessie_Ackermann	42.05	-0.74	-0.06	10.27
	Robert_Walpole	17.92	0.15	0.03	4.68
	Jawaharlal_Nehru	185.02	0.39	0.09	47.46
	Martin_Van_Buren	77.86	0.15	0.04	19.97
	Colonel_Sanders	35.13	0.26	0.04	9.13
	Thomas_Paine	44.99	0.06	0.01	11.51
	Angela_Davis	48.38	0.22	0.03	12.48
	H_H_Asquth	75.21	0.05	0.01	19.21
	William_Makepeace_Thackeray	14.92	-0.07	0.02	3.78
	John_Ruskin	116.84	0.19	0.30	30.10
	Jiddu_Krishnamurti	96.15	0.44	0.04	24.79
	Fatima	99.38	0.39	0.06	25.60
	Helena_Blavatsky	127.13	-0.04	0.02	32.41
	Sheikh_Mujibur_Rahman	65.18	0.82	0.07	17.12
	Mullah_Omar	58.47	0.85	0.20	15.52
	Guru_Tegh_Bahadur	38.14	0.66	0.06	10.13
	William_Cobbett	27.04	0.33	0.04	7.11
	Subhas_Chandra_Bose	58.02	2.03	0.29	16.12
	Sister_Nivedita	59.84	0.48	0.10	15.59
	Benito_Mussolini	49.00	0.05	-0.03	12.51
	Orson_Welles	56.40	0.50	0.10	14.73
	Ranjitsinhji	65.18	-2.48	-0.21	15.10
	Abdus_Salam	42.76	0.31	0.07	11.12
	Mother_Teresa	67.50	0.59	0.39	17.79
	Kabir	42.75	0.29	0.03	11.08
	Ne_Win	75.55	0.61	0.14	19.69
	Warren_Hastings	57.08	-0.07	0.02	14.53
	Florence_Nightingale	32.11	-0.07	-0.01	8.14
	Uthman	54.07	-0.38	0.30	13.77
	Golda_Meir	76.72	1.21	0.15	20.33
	Robert_Boyle	64.93	-1.48	0.09	15.79
	Annie_Besant	52.22	0.30	0.12	13.56
	Andrew_Carnegie	66.80	1.36	0.55	18.15
	Napoleon	86.67	0.65	0.12	22.54
	Hans_Christian_Andersen	57.78	0.93	0.19	15.38
	Charles_Dickens	53.14	0.07	0.00	13.59
	Alfred_Austin	17.56	0.13	0.10	4.61
	W_G_Grace	61.19	-1.57	-0.20	14.60
	George_Buchanan	57.10	2.11	0.63	16.15
Simone_de_Beauvoir	58.01	0.04	0.03	14.83	
Sukarno	55.70	0.60	0.08	14.59	
John_Keats	35.59	0.17	0.02	9.18	
Plato	39.50	0.57	0.14	10.48	
Martin_Luther	44.13	-0.25	-0.03	11.10	
Average		61.27	0.27	0.10	15.84
Class C	John_Boyle_O'Reilly	105.19	0.48	0.08	27.14
	Albert_Horsley	37.88	0.10	0.03	9.74
	Henry_Adams	95.33	0.25	0.03	24.47
	Helena_Modjeska	47.30	0.44	0.06	12.35
	Elizabeth_Stuart_Phelps_Ward	24.49	0.34	0.12	6.51
	Robin_Bryans	19.41	0.10	0.02	5.02
	Henry_II_of_France	58.56	0.71	0.13	15.41
	Louise_Michel	49.14	0.22	0.29	12.84
	Jerome	98.60	0.52	0.11	25.51
	Joseph_O_Shelby	40.20	0.96	0.19	10.91
	Jeanne_Guyon	36.65	0.06	0.02	9.39
	Edwin_Austin_Abbey	21.11	0.33	0.04	5.59
	Billie_Burke	46.97	0.46	0.11	12.31
	Brian_Halton	17.26	0.94	0.11	5.00
	Jean-Jacques_Rousseau	138.89	0.05	0.01	35.45
	Joanna_I_of_Naples	72.08	0.39	0.03	18.61
	Kim_Jong_II	70.08	1.27	0.19	18.70
	David_Ferrier	7.32	0.34	0.06	2.09
	William_Henry_Harrison	32.17	0.67	0.09	8.63
	Cicero	40.34	-0.09	0.01	10.24
	Thutmose_III	24.13	0.51	0.09	6.50
	Edward_Gibbon	6.76	-0.45	-0.06	1.44
	Robert_Clive	27.35	0.21	0.04	7.12
	Alexander_Pope	20.98	0.40	0.06	5.61
	O_Henry	3.13	-0.14	-0.03	0.70
	Robert_Owen	10.15	0.29	0.06	2.79
	Ayub_Khan	60.64	1.64	0.48	16.69
	Arthur_Balfour	49.29	0.16	0.04	12.68
	Ahmad_ibn_Hanbal	42.54	-2.63	-1.16	8.62
	Oliver_Goldsmith	39.07	0.53	0.13	10.34
	Sarojini_Naidu	107.24	1.76	0.39	28.58
	James_Mill	25.65	0.35	0.10	6.80
	Paramahansa_Yogananda	76.26	0.64	0.12	19.88
	Henry_Irving	47.61	0.20	0.02	12.26
	Friedrich_Engels	64.73	0.72	0.13	16.99
	Henrik_Ibsen	33.29	0.11	0.05	8.58
	Bhagat_Singh	82.96	1.09	0.13	21.84
	Helen_Keller	39.27	0.13	0.02	10.10
	Charles_Bradlaugh	40.89	-0.81	0.20	10.10
	Edmund_Spenser	42.04	0.23	0.06	10.89
	William_Wordsworth	52.71	2.14	0.30	14.83
	Kim_Dae-Jung	35.83	0.42	0.37	9.62
	Ibn_Hisham	41.81	-1.00	-0.21	9.97
	Giuseppe_Garibaldi	68.64	0.16	0.05	17.63
	Molière	65.63	0.30	0.32	17.11
	Timur	31.88	0.10	0.05	8.21
	Satyajit_Ray	106.52	0.50	0.07	27.49
	René_Descartes	81.83	1.11	0.19	21.61
John_Locke	61.24	-0.28	0.03	15.48	
Average		59.26	0.35	0.08	12.99

Table 14: Result from the REVERSUM for different Wikipedia biographies using Llama-3-8b-instruct model as LLM

LLMs	ΔCI	$\Delta Und.$	$\Delta Read.$	$\Delta Quality$
Mistral 7B Instruct 0.1	52.40	-0.59	-0.09	12.92
Llama-2-7B-Instruct	55.04	-0.12	0.02	13.97
Gemma-7B-Instruct	24.26	-0.37	-0.09	5.90
Llama-3-8b-Instruct	60.26	0.31	0.09	14.41

Table 15: Performance of other LLMs

Instructions for Assessing AI-Generated Content

Thank you for participating in this evaluation task. We're working on enhancing Wikipedia articles using AI-generated content. Your role is to assess the quality of AI-generated content in comparison to existing content from Wikipedia sections. Please follow the instructions below.

- Read the Existing Section Content:** This is the original text from a Wikipedia section. Carefully read this content to understand its context and flow.
- Read the Generated Content:** This is the new text generated by AI. It aims to expand or enhance the existing section content.
- You will be also provided with the corresponding **Wikipedia Link** for reference.
- Evaluate the Generated Content:** Based on your understanding of the existing content, answer the following questions about the generated content:
 - Seamless Integration:** Can the generated content be seamlessly integrated with the existing content? Select Yes or No.
 - Informative Enough:** Is the generated content containing enough new information? Select Yes or No.
 - Readable Enough:** Is the generated content readable enough? Select Yes or No.
 - Understandable Enough:** Is the generated content understandable enough? Select Yes or No.
 - Justification (Optional):** Provide any additional comments or justify your answers if you feel necessary.

Please ensure you provide honest and thoughtful evaluations. Your feedback is crucial for improving the quality of AI-generated content. If you have any questions or face any issues, please contact the task administrator.

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Figure 4: Interface for the annotation task instruction

Task

Existing Section Content:

In literature: Giovanni Boccaccio wrote a biography of Joanna in his series of biographies known as *De mulieribus claris* (en: On Famous Women). Boccaccio devoted part of his biography of Joanna to dispelling any idea that Joanna was not the rightful ruler of Naples, which Boccaccio did by proclaiming that Joanna was a descendant of a noble bloodline. Boccaccio claimed that Joanna I's bloodline could be traced all the way back to "Dardanus, the founder of Troy, whose father the ancients said was Jupiter." Boccaccio also definitively and unequivocally proclaimed Joanna to be the lawful ruler of Naples by discussing the manner in which she ascended the Neapolitan throne. Boccaccio mentioned in his biography of Joanna that she rightfully inherited the kingdom from her grandfather because Joanna's father had died in his youth. In addition to demonstrating for his readers that Joanna was the rightful Queen of Naples, Boccaccio revealed his personal support for Joanna amongst the chaos of her reign and the controversy surrounding it. In Boccaccio's view, the question of whether a woman could reign or if there were other nobles who were more fit to rule was irrelevant because of Joanna. Boccaccio also discussed her capabilities and the aspects of her reign that made her a great ruler in his eyes. When Boccaccio summarized all of the areas and provinces that Joanna ruled over, he

Generated Content:

Joanna I of Naples has been featured in several literary works, including "Crimes Celebres" by Dumas and "Storia del Regno di Napoli" by Acciajuoli, which provide insight into her reign and character. Additionally, her life has been the subject of biographical writings, such as "Vita di Giovanna, Regina di Napoli" by Caraccioli and "Histoire des Papes" by L'Abbé Darras.

Corresponding Wikipedia URL: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joanna_I_of_Naples

- Can the generated content be seamlessly integrated with the existing content?
 Yes No
- Is the generated content informative enough?
 Yes No
- Is the generated content readable enough?
 Yes No
- Is the generated content understandable enough?
 Yes No
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Figure 5: Representative example of an annotation task