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Diderot Goes Digital: Why Authority, Comprehensibility, and Utility in Reference Sources Still Matter

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- I. A Short History of the Idea of the Encyclopedia
 - i. The Idea of the Encyclopedia Arose in the Great Ancient Civilizations
 - ii. Which Came First? The Enlightenment or the Encyclopedia? 1704, a Big Year for the Encyclopedia
 - iii. The 1800's and 1900's—Political and Encyclopedia Nationalism
 - iv. The Shady Start of Encyclopedia Publishing in the U.S.

- II. It's More Than "Just the Facts," Ma'am
 - i. In Addition to Factual Accuracy, These Aspects Characterize an Encyclopedia Article, Especially One Intended to Be Read by School-age Children and Non-specialists of Any Age—
 - ii. When Efficient Isn't

- III. A Brief Digression, Or Diversifying Diderot: Applying Encyclopedia Editorial Standards to Serial Non-fiction for School-age Readers
 - i. Some Serial Non-fiction Is Cyclopedic

- IV. Diderot's New Revolution, Or the Encyclopedia (and More) in Digital Form
 - i. When the Editorial Cycle Accelerates from Yearly to Daily, Does Currency Trump Accuracy, Authority, and the Rest?