Add a Required Reading article list to your homepage

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Want to display some of the required articles directly on your homepage? You can do that, too.

We've created an **article list** merge code specifically for this purpose!

> The Required Reading feature and list only work with individual reader accounts. Knowledge bases with default access set to public, shared passwords, or shared IP addresses cannot use this feature.

How does it work?

To set up, you'll add the merge code for the list where you'd like the information to be displayed. KnowledgeOwl will display up to 10 of the most recently required articles in the list, and the See more link at the bottom will navigate readers directly to **the Required Reading page** to view a full list and see which articles they need to acknowledge.

Required Reading

`New` Article within custom content cat

Talk to a current customer

Orientation

`Updated` 🎞 Check our YouTube channel

`New` Schedule a demo

See more...

Sample Required Articles list

> If your knowledge base allows a mixture of public and private content, the Required Reading Article List will show as empty/blank for anyone who hasn't logged in.

Setup

By default, the 5 most recently required articles will be displayed. You can change this to display between 1-10:

1. Go to **Settings > Basic.**

2. Scroll to the **Article List Settings** section.

3. Click on the dropdown next to **Required Reading Articles** and select the number of articles you'd like the list to display (1-10).

Article List Settings

Select the maximum number of articles to display in each list.

Recent Articles	5
New Articles	5
Updated Articles	5
Popular Articles	5
Favorite Articles	10
Required Reading Articles	5

4. Be sure to **Save** your changes.

⚠️ **Some assembly required**
We do not add this list to any section of your knowledge base by default.

If you'd like to add it, you'll add two merge codes into either the top-level **Homepage** content editor or into the **Settings > Style > Custom HTML** of the relevant layouts:

- `[translation("required-reading:required-reading-list-heading")]` : this merge code grabs the Required Reading list heading in **Tools > Customize Text > Customize Text,** making it so no one has to edit the code in the future to update the title
- `[template("required-articles")]` : this merge code generates the required articles list

Different setups are discussed further below.

Add the Required Articles List to your homepage (Settings > Style)

Newer knowledge bases have their entire homepage set in **Settings > Style.** If your knowledge base uses this layout, you can follow these instructions to add the Required Articles List there. (If your knowledge base doesn't show any article lists in **Settings > Style > Custom HTML > Homepage,** skip these and follow the next set of instructions!)

1. Go to **Settings > Style.**

2. Below the Preview pane, be sure **Custom HTML** is selected.

3. Select **Homepage** from the Custom HTML dropdown.

4. Near the bottom of the code editor, find the div with class="homepage-widgets row".

5. Copy one of the other article lists and paste that code in again.

6. Replace the title merge code with:

   [translation(**"required-reading:required-reading-list-heading"**)]

7. Replace the list merge code with:

   [template("**required-articles**")]

8. Your code should now look something like this, with the changes in row 5:

   ```
   <div class="homepage-widgets row">
      <div class="col-md-4 col-sm-6"><h3>[translation("article-lists:popular-articles")]</h3>
   [template("pop-articles")]</div>
      <div class="col-md-4 col-sm-6"><h3>[translation("article-lists:new-articles")]</h3>[template("new-art
   icles")]</div>
      <div class="col-md-4 col-sm-6"><h3>[translation("article-lists:updated-articles")]</h3>[template("up-
   articles")]</div>
      <div class="col-md-4 col-sm-6"><h3>[translation("required-reading:required-reading-list-heading")]
   </h3>[template("required-articles")]</div>
      </div>
   ```

9. You can **Preview** your changes to be sure they look right.

10. Be sure to **Save** your changes once you're done!

Add the Required Articles List to your homepage (Homepage)

If you're using our older homepage:

1. In the left navigation, go to **Homepage.**

2. Copy one of the other homepage lists and paste it in again.

3. Replace the title merge code with:

   [translation(**"required-reading:required-reading-list-heading"**)]

4. **Replace the list merge code with:**

```
[template("required-articles")]
```

5. **Save.**

Your homepage might now look like this:

Sample Homepage editor layout with Required Articles list added