Meeting #3: AI For Writing Assistance

Objectives

- Use AI tools to help structure your paper.
- Become familiar with prompt engineering strategies that can help produce effective results.
- Reflect critically on AI as a tool for writing assistance beyond idea generation.

Agenda

- Reflection and Sharing Activity (15 minutes) – *Seher and Tom*
  - Whole Group Discussion
    - 1. Did using AI for your outline help? Why or why not?
    - 2. What are some of the strengths and limitations that you encountered using generative AI for this purpose?
- AI Writer Toolbox: AI for Writing (10 minutes) – *Seher*
  - Take the participants through the relevant toolbox section.
  - Explain the different prompt engineering strategies.
    - Mini Discussion: How would *you* use these strategies to help your writing process?
  - Clarify the difference between simply copying and pasting output and actively using AI to bolster your process. Emphasize that AI does not produce original writing.
    - Imposter Syndrome in the Age of AI
    - Emphasize the importance of students not replacing themselves–this is the stage of the writing process where it is most likely to happen
- Activity #1: Prompt-Engineering Mini Workshop (15 minutes) – *Seher*
  - I will display a series of weak prompts on the slide deck. Individually, redraft the prompt into a strong, specific one. We will share our work afterward.
  - *OPTION: If time allows, we can compare the two outputs from a weak prompt and a strong prompt.*
- Activity #2: Using AI at the Paragraph-Level (15 minutes) – *Seher*
  - Individually, start to draft an intro or body paragraph for your paper, using the prompt engineering strategies to help you with structure and development.
  - In the large group, share your thoughts in this process. Was it helpful? Why or why not? How would you explain your reasoning to students?

- Closing thoughts, reflections, and/or concerns
- HOMEWORK: Complete a draft of your paper. Upload a copy to the class Canvas site.
- REMINDER: No workshop meeting next week. We will meet again on October 15/16.