SJSU | WRITING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

GENERATIVE AI for Writing Instructors

WEEK 1

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Welcome!

1. **Introduce yourself!**
2. **What is one thing about AI that concerns you?**
3. **What is one thing about AI that you are curious and/or excited about?**
4. **Why did you sign up for this workshop?**

Overview

Key Definitions, Terms, and Platforms

Objectives

- Understand definitions and key terms.
- Gain awareness of SJSU-endorsed platforms and their capabilities.
- Review SJSU AI Policy and begin discussion on ethical considerations.
- Introduce the AI Writer Toolbox.
- Introduce the writing assignment.

what is it?

- ...a type of AI that can generate content from the large pools of data on which it has been trained.
- Content is generated based on probabilities, though some platforms may have embedded search functions.

what can it do?

- generate text and/or images
- respond to prompts
- produce examples
- summarize information
- provide explanations
- revise/edit content

what can't it do?

- create new and original content
- understand meaning
- emote
- verify truth

ChatGPT Edu

- LLM that uses text input and responds in a “human” manner.
- Log in using your SJSU email.
- one.sjsu.edu

Gemini for Canvas

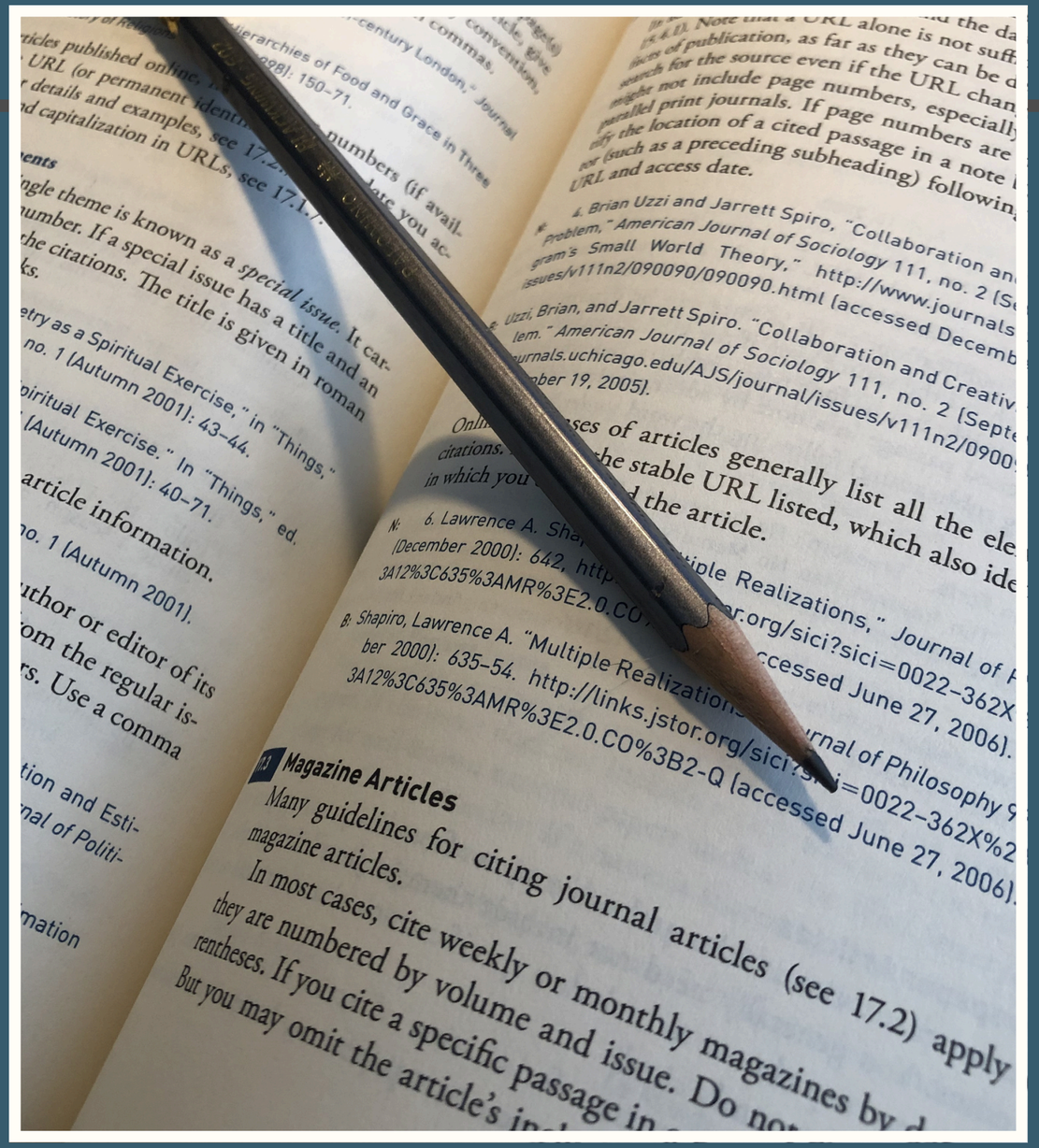
- Two options: “Smart Search” and “Google Gemini” on the left-hand menu.
- Quick way to search through a specific course’s content, create a notebook, or chat with the bot.
- Canvas

Responsible Usage

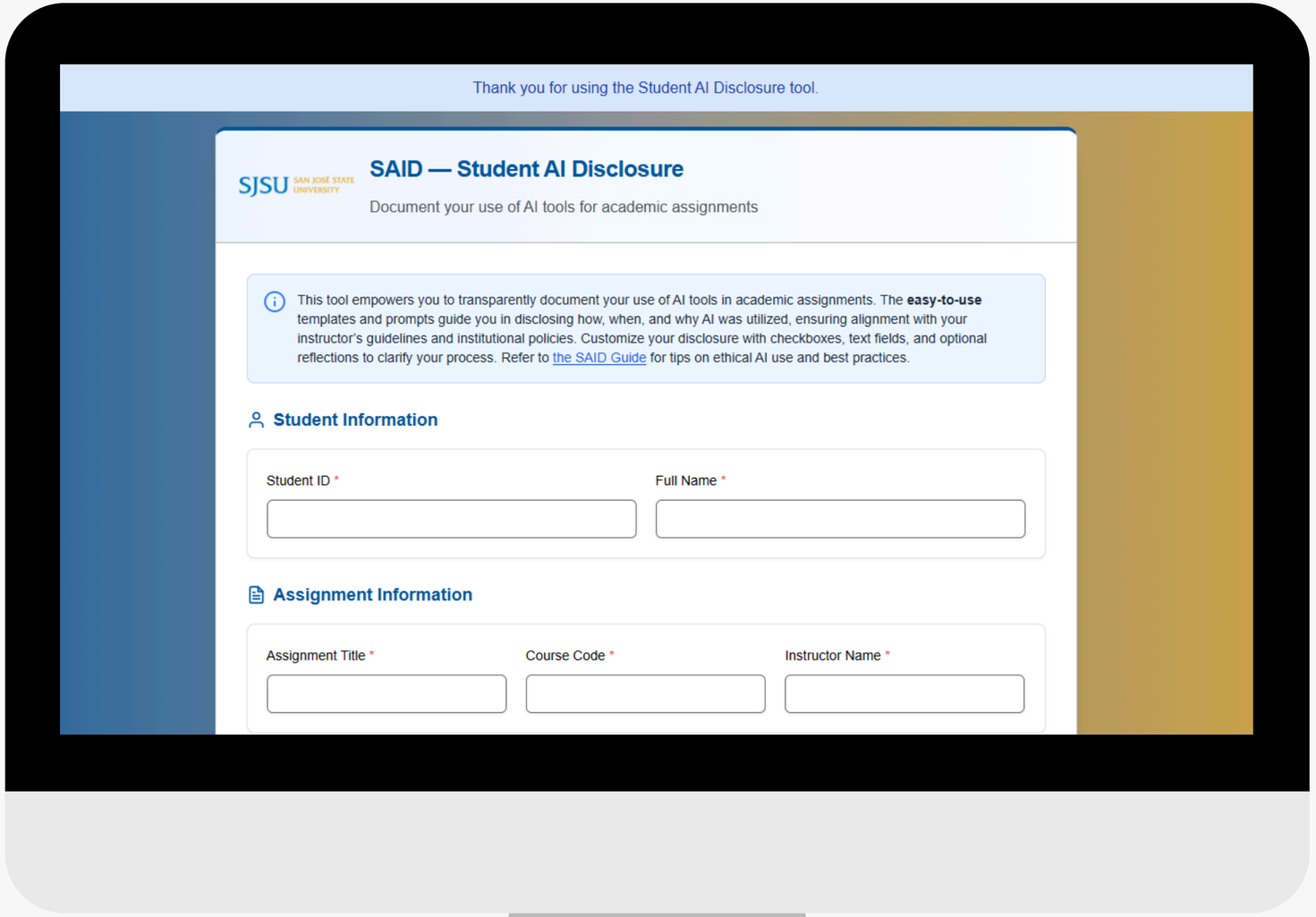
Citation, Disclosure, & Language

Official guidance from the three major style guides:

- [APA Style]
- [MLA Style]
- Chicago Style



Student AI Disclosure Tool

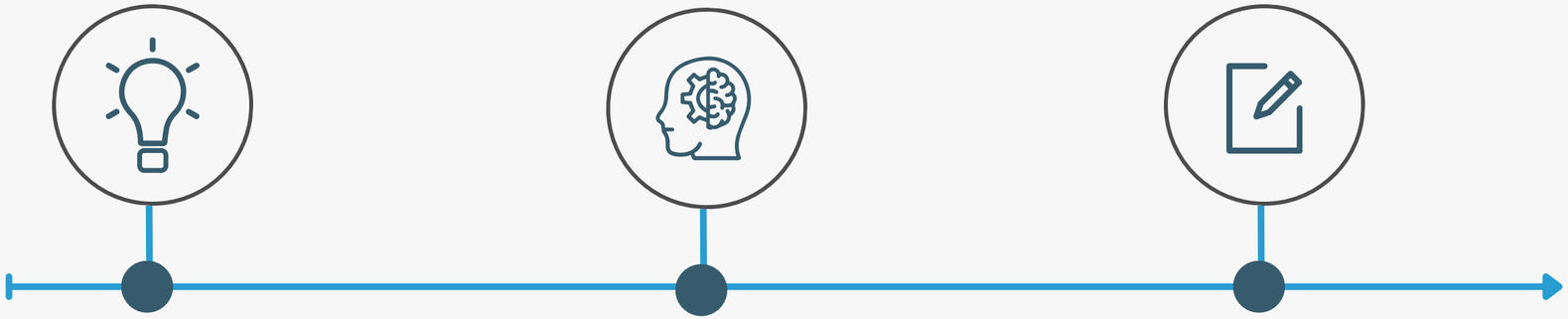


SAID TOOL

https://sjsusaid.vercel.app/

Language Around AI Use

How could using certain vocabulary to describe AI outputs be potentially problematic?



"NEW"

AI outputs aren't actually "new"-- they're generated based on patterns from the huge datasets that the model is trained on.

"CREATE"

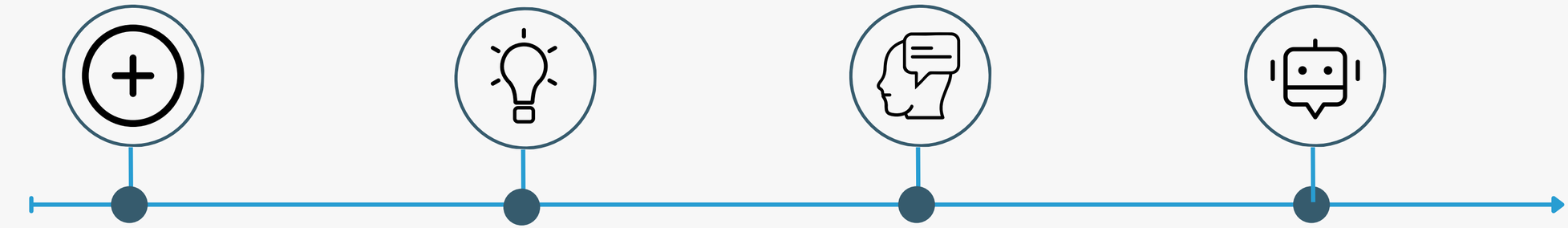
Similarly, it's problematic to insinuate that AI can "create" anything--the act of creation is profoundly human, and the distinction needs to be emphasized to students.

"WRITE"

Offhandedly saying that AI can "write" for you may give students the impression that it's okay to use AI outputs wholesale.

Language Around AI Use

Preferred vocabulary to refer to generative AI outputs could include...



"GENERATES"

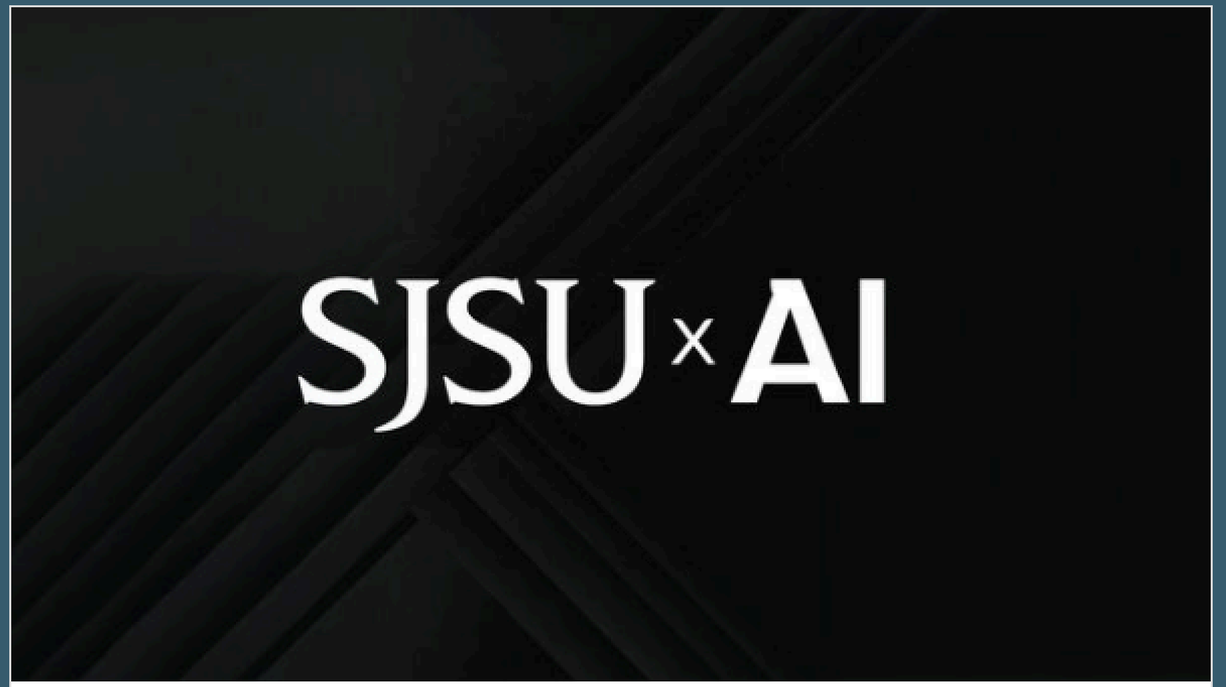
"PRODUCES"

"OUTPUT"

"AI-GENERATED"

SJSU X AI

- Created by the university as our “AI Hub”
- One-stop shop for updates, initiatives, and resources
- Link on Canvas



Welcome - SJSU AI

Welcome to the the online hub for everything Artificial Intelligence (AI) at San Jose State University. Explore everything SJSU has to offer from Events and Tools, to Research and Initiatives. Explore more about what...

foleon.com

The AI Writer Toolbox

- Our main Writing Center resource for these first four workshops

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Homework

Develop an idea to pitch to the group for our next meeting. Include the following:

- **The basic idea. What it's about and why is it timely and/or interesting?**

- **How you will research this idea and produce the piece?**

Questions?

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Thank you!

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