Generative AI Citation Format & Examples

Students should consider the use of Chat-GPT and similar technologies the same as using the internet, and therefore follow the same school guidance regarding its usage.

Students should also review and adhere to the School's Generative AI Responsible Use Guidelines.

1. Verbatim Response Text with Prompt

When Chat-GPT is allowed, indicate any verbatim use of its results with quotation marks and list any prompts used to generate the content, followed by a footnote. These citation practices are in keeping with our general requirement that students' answers be their own work unless stated otherwise and properly credit the sources used.

Note: If the quotation exceeds five or more lines, they should be blocked. To offset the block quote, indent the entire quotation and remove quotes.

Footnote Format:

¹ Text generated by Chat platform or author, Chat program, Month Day, Year, URL.

Example A:

When posed with the question, "What is the history of the bond market?" Chat-GPT explains,

The bond market has a long history, dating back to the early 1600s when the Dutch East India Company issued bonds to raise capital for its voyages to Asia. Over the centuries, bonds have evolved into a sophisticated financial instrument and an important component of global financial markets. Today, bonds are widely traded around the world and are used by governments, corporations, and other entities to raise capital and finance their operations.

Example A Footnote:

¹ Text generated by ChatGPT, OpenAI, February 8, 2023, https://chat.openai.com/chat.

Example B:

When prompted with the patent question, "What is prior art?" Claude provides the following definition:

Prior art refers to all information that has been made available to the public in any form before a given date that might be relevant to a patent's claims of novelty and non-obviousness. This includes patents, publications, products, and other disclosures that would have been known or accessible to a person having ordinary skill in the relevant field. Prior art is used to determine the eligibility of a patent application, as an invention must be novel and non-obvious in light of prior art.

Example B Footnote:

¹ Text generated by Claude, Anthropic, July 7, 2023, https://claude.ai/chats.

2. Verbatim response text – prompt not included:

If you have not included the prompt in the body of your work, include the prompt in the footnote as follows.

Footnote Format:

¹ Chat platform or author, response to "Prompt," Chat program, Month Day, Year.

Example C:

Chat-GPT outlines:

The bond market has a long history, dating back to the early 1600s when the Dutch East India Company issued bonds to raise capital for its voyages to Asia. Over the centuries, bonds have evolved into a sophisticated financial instrument and an important component of global financial markets. Today, bonds are widely traded around the world and are used by governments, corporations, and other entities to raise capital and finance their operations.

Example C Footnote:

¹ ChatGPT, response to "What is the history of the bond market?" OpenAI, February 8, 2023.

3. Edited response:

If you have used a generative AI tool for your research and you edited the response in your work, indicate with a note within the footnote.

Footnote Format:

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Example D:

When prompted with the patent question, "What is prior art?" Claude provides the following definition:

"Prior art refers to all information that has been made public before a given date that might be relevant to a patent's claims of novelty and non-obviousness. This includes patents, publications, products, and other disclosures.... Prior art is used to determine the eligibility of a patent application, as an invention must be novel and not obvious."

Example D Footnote:

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