Generative AI Prompts Guide for Students

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Strategies for Better Results with Generative AI Tools

When asking questions of one of the major generative AI tools, it is suggested how to have conversations similar to human interactions and then critique the results carefully for the best results.

5 Tips for Crafting for a Good Prompt
1. Use correct spelling and grammar. Write complete sentences.
2. Be clear, specific and detailed about your request to the AI.
3. Provide context and perspective to focus the AI output.
4. Break down complex tasks into multiple short prompts.
5. Specify the desired format, tone and style of the output.

Role
Declaire a persona AI should assume

Output Format
Define the desired structure and length (e.g., bullet points, table, paragraph, specific word counts)

Context
Offer relevant background information

Task & Instructions
Provide specific, clear directions on what you want to get

Prompt Formula*

Declare a [ROLE] + Give [CONTEXT] + Create a [TASK] + and specify [FORMAT]

You are a **college student**. **You are taking a political science course and writing a 1,500-word essay on the topic of disinformation in modern societies**. Please **produce a potential outline for the essay**, **suggesting key points to cover and possible sources to research**. **Cite the sources for your response**.

* Adapted from A student guide to navigating college in the artificial intelligence era, Elon University, https://www.studentguidetoAI.org