HOW TO USE AI RIGHT

AI is a helpful study tool that can help improve your outcomes. Here are 10 prompts for exam and assignment success.

THE INTERROGATOR | *Use AI to make you think*

Prompt: I am studying [e.g. The Causes of WWII] and I need to [e.g. write 1000 words]. Don't give me the answers. Instead, ask me a series of probing questions, one at a time, to help me arrive at the core principles myself.

THE DEVIL'S ADVOCATE | *Strengthen your arguments*

Prompt: I am arguing that [Thesis Statement]. Act as a critical opponent by identifying the three weakest points in my logic and providing the strongest counter-arguments a scholar might use against me. Don't rewrite my essay; just give me the critique.

THE MISCONCEPTION MASTERMIND | *Get better at problem solving*

Prompt: Explain how to solve [Problem or Concept] step-by-step, as if I am a Grade 12 student preparing for a final exam. For each stage of the process, identify common misconceptions or mistakes students make and tell me how to avoid them in exam conditions.

THE ACADEMIC TONE STRATEGIST | *Write like a scholar*

Prompt: Evaluate this text written for a [Type of Assignment]: [Paste Text] as if I am an advanced, Grade 12 student preparing for a final exam. Analyse the tone and level of formality, tell me whether it is too casual or imprecise, and suggest specific ways to strengthen vocabulary, clarity, and academic sophistication (without rewriting it for me).

THE LONG-TERM MEMORY ARCHITECT | *Create an exam prep plan*

Prompt: Design a 14-day spaced study plan for [Subject] covering these topics: [List topics], as if I am a Grade 12 student preparing for a final exam. Specify what to review each day, and structure the plan to maximise deep understanding rather than short-term memorisation.

DON'T FORGET

Don't use AI as a shortcut—it backfires. Use it as a learning skill by verifying facts and prompting for deeper complexity.

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THE MENTAL MODEL TRANSLATOR | *Master abstract concepts with the help of analogy.*

Prompt: Explain the concept of [e.g. Photosynthesis] by using a detailed analogy from [your favourite show or video game]. Connect each technical component to a specific part of the analogy.

THE PERSONALISED QUIZMASTER | *Prepare for a high-stakes exam*

Prompt: Based on the following notes: [Paste Notes], generate 5 multiple-choice questions and 1 'challenge' long-answer question. If I am incorrect, explain the reasoning behind the correct answer and provide a 'memory hack' I can use during the exam.

THE LEVEL UP EXPERT | *Improve your understanding of complex topics*

Prompt: Explain [TOPIC] to me as if I am a Grade 12 student preparing for a final exam. Include the nuances, common academic debates, and how this topic connects to real-world issues today.

THE INTERDISCIPLINARY SYNTHESISER | *Connect ideas across subjects*

Prompt: Explain the connections between [Topic A] and [Topic B] as if I am an advanced, Grade 12 student preparing for a final exam. Highlight nuanced intersections, unexpected influences, and the broader implications of how these topics shape or inform each other in academic study and real-world contexts.

THE RHETORICAL INSIGHT EXPERT | *Read with an analytical mindset*

Prompt: Analyse this speech or text: [Paste text] as if I am a Grade 12 student preparing for a final exam. Identify the primary rhetorical devices used (such as ethos, pathos and logos), explain how they function within the argument, and discuss how they strengthen persuasion in both historical and modern contexts.