



How to Cite AI-Generated Ideas

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Why should you specify if writing or an image came from an AI generator?

- Transparency: Be open and clear about where your ideas and content are coming from.
- Avoiding plagiarism: Saying you wrote something on your own when you used an AI generator is a kind of plagiarism, which is against the TTU Code of Student Conduct.

Citation Styles

APA: The technology company serves as the author, and the program serves as the title. Because other people cannot retrieve the results, cite them as personal communications, just as you would emails or text messages.

Parenthetical In-Text Example: (OpenAI, 2023)

Reference Example:

OpenAI. (2023). ChatGPT (Mar 14 version) [Large language model].
<https://chat.openai.com/chat>

MLA: MLA does not consider generative AI programs as authors; therefore, the prompt or a description of what was generated is the first part of the citation.

Parenthetical In-Text Example: ("Write a paragraph")

Reference Example:

"Write a paragraph analyzing the roll of nursery rhymes in Jeannine Gailey's poem Once Upon a Time" prompt. *ChatGPT*, 13 Sept. version, OpenAI, 23 Sept. 2023, chat.openai.com/chat.

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Footnote/endnote: 1. Text generated by ChatGPT, OpenAI, July 15, 2023,
<https://chat.openai.com/chat>.

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