



CURRENT EVENTS - EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

CHATGPT & AI CONTENT GENERATORS' IMPACTS

Below is a list of ideas and ways you might use the resources provided for this Current Events Post to extend learning and civic engagement for your students.

Beyond the Classroom

Conducting an Interview - [LINK TO DIRECTIONS](#)

- **Activity Summary:** Students learn the basic skills and techniques of conducting an interview to solicit a person's opinion about a specific Current Events topic.
- **Suggestion for this Current Event:** After researching how AI has affected various industries and professions, including the K-12 education environment, students prepare and conduct interviews with people who have either i) experienced those affects firsthand, or ii) work with the technology that has caused those disruptions.

Conversation for Advocating

Silent Debate - [LINK TO DIRECTIONS](#)

- **Activity Summary:** Students sit side by side and debate an issue back and forth on the same piece of paper, each writing in their own column. Teachers can assign positions, including role play from the perspectives of historical or current people. This way students work together in an engaging way to identify multiple points of view on an issue.
- **Suggestion for this Current Event:** After students learn about the positive, negative and net neutral aspects of chatbot usage in an educational setting (like a classroom), students are then assigned a side to the prompt "ChatGPT and other AI content generators should be banned from schools". The students should then silently debate the merits of this statement.



Conversation for Understanding

Continuum Dialogue - [LINK TO DIRECTIONS](#)

- **Activity Summary:** This is a provocative yet non-threatening way to get to know students' perspectives, beliefs, and opinions on current events, as well as potentially controversial issues. A Continuum exercise provides an opportunity for students to articulate their own ideas, revise their thinking throughout the process, and hear their classmates' viewpoints with respect and interest.
- **Suggestion for this Current Event:** A class can engage in a conversation about the short and long term effects of AI content generators in society and their own education. Teachers can share prompts such as "AI will only make life better for students", "Schools must ban the use of chatbots", "The school system should teach students responsible ways to use AI content generators", "Chatbots like chatGPT will make students less able to create their own writings"