

What can ChatGPT do?



Here are the composition tasks I commanded ChatGPT to do, along with the prompts I used. ChatGPT took between 5 and 15 seconds to generate each separate response. When a response seemed too “robotic,” I tweaked the prompt or requested a second and third try. See what you think, and feel free to add your own attempts to this list—this version of the doc is editable by anyone with the link.

My prompts are rather simple, but if you feel like going pro, [check out the prompt writing section on the Resources handout](#)

Note: I recommend against using actual student work, as you would be adding that information to ChatGPT’s database.

- [Brainstorm/Create a concept map/Outline](#)
- [List](#)
- [Write thesis statements](#)
- [Summarize digital text](#) **Update 2/18:** MSWord Editor now offers the option to generate a summary of any document being created. Message from Editor: “This summary is based on the first 1000 words of the document. Because it is generated by AI, the summary may contain sensitive text or factual inaccuracies. Be sure to verify the information included.”This option is in beta at the moment....
- [Summarize information when given a webpage's URL](#)
- [Summarize a video transcript](#)
- [Paraphrase digital text](#)
- [Quote digital text](#)
- [Write a bibliographic entry/cite sources](#)
- [Write a journal entry](#)
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- [Create an MLA-style title](#)
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