

12th Grade Summer Assignment:

Step One: Read the New York Magazine article [“Everyone Is Cheating Their Way Through College”](#), by James D. Walsh.

Step Two: Define the following words in context:

1. Generative
2. Illiterate
3. Cognitive ability
4. Existential crisis

Step Three: Please answer the following research based questions:

1. What are the current (within the past five years) rates of functional illiteracy in the United States as a whole?
2. What are the current (within the past five years) rates of functional illiteracy in Detroit?
3. What are soft skills, and how are they developed?

Step Four: Please answer the following reflection questions. Each question below requires AT LEAST a paragraph response.

1. According to the article, what are the implications of using AI? Identify at least three implications and their potential impact.
2. What type of skills or opportunities will students/people ultimately lose if they only use AI? Why/ how?
3. According to research, how is AI usage changing people’s brains? What are the ramifications of this?

Step Five: Optional:

1. What questions do you still have about this topic?

Step Six: Turn this in!

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