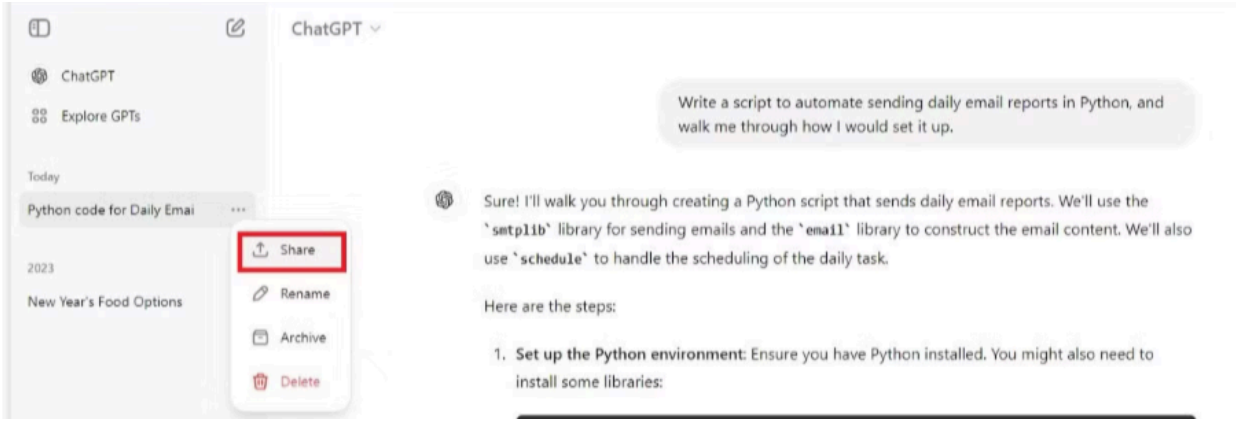
Example: AI Task, *Drag Magazine* Primary Source Analysis and Poem Generation

- **Overview:** For this assignment you'll be analyzing the first issue of *Drag Magazine* as a lens into one aspect of queer culture in the early 1970s.

- **Overall Requirement:**
  - To begin, **create** a Google Doc that includes your name, the title of the AI Task, and the steps for completion.
  - Using ChatGPT: I recommend using The Historian's Friend extension on ChatGPT because it is designed by a history professor and tailors answers to historians by focusing on sources appropriate to historians by focusing on sources appropriate to history researchers. When using ChatGPT, I always recommend ending any questions you ask with the phrase: If you don't know the answer, say "I don't know." ChatGPT is programmed to continue to chat with you and this is a programming feature that allows it an "out" so to speak.
  - **Copy** the URL: This is a reminder to share a link to your conversation with ChatGPT by pasting it into the correct step after you complete the conversation with the AI. To find this link, you will click on the … on the left side of the screen and select "Share link" like this:



Assignment Steps:

Step 1: Collecting Evidence

- **Prepare** for the primary source analysis by gathering broad information from reputable sources. Begin by reading these descriptive overviews on *Drag Magazine* and Lee Brewster from the Smithsonian and the New York Public Library. You are reading these brief essays to better understand the primary source you are about to analyze.

- Now, move to the Digital Transgender Archive here and skim the metadata (all that descriptive information and keywords there) for their archived issues of *Drag Magazine*.
- **Skim** the issue and **list** 2-3 terms you don't know and ask ChatGPT for their definitions.

Step 2: Historical Analysis

- Reflect: Now, just reflecting on the information you've gathered so far, reflect on the following questions in a paragraph (minimum 5 sentences):
    - *Why* would someone create a magazine about drag in an era *when* publishing on the topic could be considered as promoting homosexuality which was criminalized?
    - Who would be the *intended audience* (race, class, gender, sexuality, marital status, gender, etc.) of *Drag*?
    - Now, read Vol 1, No 1 of *Drag Magazine* and write your responses to these questions in at least 10 sentences:
        - What specifically surprised you in the issue concerning the topics covered and representation of those topics?
        - How would you describe the world of drag circa 1971 through the lens of this issue?
        - Using context clues from your analysis, what can you tell about the historical context in which the magazine was published?
        - In your opinion, what might be our modern-day *21st century equivalent* of *Drag Magazine*? Compare and contrast with specifics as evidence to support your argument.

Step 3: Using AI for Information Gathering

- First, upload this shortened PDF of Volume 1, Issue 1 (1971) of *Drag Magazine* to ChatGPT. (This shortened version is taken from the original version here.)
- **Ask** ChatGPT a series of questions:
    - What is this document? Provide the author, context, motive, tone, and provide brief descriptions of 3 major topics covered in this document.
    - What are drag balls and how are they described (visually and in words) in this document? What is the tone used to describe drag balls?
    - Can you describe the topics written in the letters to the editor section?
    - How does the magazine issue describe gender reassignment in this era?

    - Can you identify the name of a drag queen (other than Lee Brewster) mentioned in this magazine issue, and can you help me find additional information on them? What are some of their most notable performances and achievements in the drag queen community?

- **Demonstrate** the use of prompt engineering to deepen the GPT's analysis. (You can choose your own direction for this depending on your interests or curiosity.)

- Now **reflect** in 5-10 sentences: Analyze its findings. Are the claims made by ChatGPT evidence-based or biased? What type of evidence does the issue use to analyze tone? What is sentiment analysis and how might it be useful for historic primary source analysis? What can a sentiment analysis tell historians about a specific context?

Step 4: Using AI for Creative Exploration

- First, go to the Digital Transgender Archive's *Drag Magazine* collection. **Locate** your assigned issue as listed here:
- [name]- *Drag* Vol. 1 No. 4 (1971)
- [name] - *Drag* Vol. 2 No. 5 (1972)
- [name] - *Drag* Vol. 2 No. 6 (1972)
- [name] - *Drag* Vol. 2 No. 7 (1972)
- [name] - *Drag* Vol. 2 No. 8 (1972)
- [name] - *Drag* Vol. 3 No. 11 (1973)
- [name] - *Drag* Vol. 3 No. 12 (1973)
- [name] - *Drag* Vol. 4 No. 16 (1974)
- [name] - *Drag* Vol. 4 No. 14 (1974)

- When you click on the issue, then click on the corresponding Archive.org link for the issue on the right.



- Then scroll down and click PDF to **download** your assigned issue:



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- Currently ChatGPT's free tier only allows 20 page PDFs. However, you can use SmallPDF or a similar free software to reduce your PDF down to 20 pages (just pick and choose whatever 20 pages you want to keep as it is just to make ChatGPT run smoother). Either way, **reduce** the file's page count to meet the maximum allowable page count for ChatGPT's free tier.

- Now, **upload** your now-20-page assigned issue of *Drag Magazine* to ChatGPT and ask it to compare and contrast this issue with the first issue of *Drag Magazine* (you can upload them both at the same time). **Ask** ChatGPT to compare and contrast the topics, tone, and representation of both issues.

- Finally, **ask** ChatGPT: Can you create a poem that captures the feelings and issues depicted in this magazine issue? The poem should be written to match the same style of the original magazine in such a way that it might have been included in one of these issues. **Read** the poem and note your first reactions in 1-2 sentences.

- **Reflect** on the poem in at least 10 sentences: *How do the emotions the AI depicts in the poem compare and contrast with those you saw depicted in the issues? Were you surprised to find these emotions expressed in a queer magazine from 1970? Why or why not? Finally, if one of the original contributors like Lee Brewster saw this issue today in our current political context, what feelings and thoughts might seeing the issue bring up*? (For the last question, there's no wrong answer - it's just a change to get you to think about how artifacts can carry different meanings and generate different emotional impacts from one historical context to another. Just share your thoughts without judgement.)

Make sure that the Google Doc you submit contains all steps of this AI task including: the accessible URL of your ChatGPT conversation,

Copy the URL of your ChatGPT conversation and paste it into your Google Doc, including your prompts and all AI output including answers to questions and the final generated poem.