

# A Generative AI Reading List

Some of the most compelling, enlightening, or thought-provoking stuff I've read on generative AI since early 2023.

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- Generative AI Basics and Core Ideas, In Order of Increasing Technicality
  - [The story of the invention of transformers](#)
  - [LLMs for Dummies](#)
  - [Free copy of ChatGPT for Dummies](#) [book]
  - [Terrific overview of LLM core-concepts](#)
  - [State of the current LLM landscape](#)
  - [Detailed explanation of ChatGPT circa summer 2023](#) (42 minute video; good explanation of evergreen concepts)
  - [The Illustrated Transformer — how the tech works](#)
  - [Attention is All You Need: The Founding Document of Modern Generative AI](#)
- Guidelines
  - [Quick-Start AI Guidelines for Democratic Campaigns](#)
  - [White House Blueprint for an AI Bill of Rights](#)
  - [City of Boston's generative AI guidance](#)
  - [Guidance for organizations from Aspen Digital](#)
  - [Cision/Brandwatch AI Code of Ethics](#)
  - [10 Questions for your AI Vendor Due Diligence Process](#)
  - [Center for Democracy and Technology's internal generative AI usage policy](#)
  - [Trustible's Applied Ethical AI Framework](#)
  - [Trustworthy AI Needs Trustworthy Measurements](#)
  - [Case Study: MoveOn's AI application approval process](#)
  - [The Prompt Report: An exhaustive apples-to-apples comparison of different prompting techniques](#)
- Techy stuff
  - [Anti-hype LLM reading list](#) (one of my favorite roundups)
  - [Engineering projects to build your generative AI muscles](#)
  - [Emerging architectures for LLM applications](#)
  - [Prompt2Model: Fine-tuning models with natural language prompts](#)
  - [Foundation Model Transparency Index](#)
  - [GPT4's secret has been revealed](#)
  - [Roundup of ML best-practices and open-source packages](#)
  - [Generative AI interfaces beyond chatbots](#) (24 minute video)
  - [A Hacker's Guide to Language Models](#) (90 minute video)
- Politics-Specific

- [Early use cases for AI in politics](#)
  - [Using Langchain to create a plain-language interface for analyzing the public voter file](#)
  - [An LLM trained on the new White House AI executive order](#)
  - [BIDEN: Binary Inference Dictionaries for Electoral NLP](#)
  - [How AI applies to campaigns today broadly, and a good reading list](#)
  - [AI and democracy: A conceptual framework](#)
  - [Artificial intelligence can persuade humans on political issues](#)
  - [LLMs and social progress: concepts and considerations](#)
  - [Preparing for Generative AI in the 2024 Election: Recommendations and Best Practices Based on Academic Research](#)
  - [Sortable breakdown of Biden Admin AI executive order](#)
  - [Selecting generative AI tools in political tech](#)
  - [Tracker of political AI incidents around the world](#)
  - [AI's Impact on Elections is Being Overblown](#)
  - [Effectiveness of disclaimers on AI-generated political ads](#)
- Newsletters
  - [AI Supremacy \(esp. The Generative AI Brief\)](#)
  - [Last Week in AI](#)
  - [Import AI](#)
  - [Digital Native](#) (not just about AI but has some good takes, esp. [this one](#))
  - [AI Political Pulse](#)
  - [AI Digest](#)
- Misc. Perspectives
  - [Fears about the impact of generative AI on misinformation are overblown](#)
  - [Silicon Valley's vision for AI is religion, repackaged](#)
  - [How the commercial market is using generative AI today](#)
  - [Prompt engineering isn't the future](#)
  - [Why chatbots are not the future](#)
  - [GPT detectors are biased against non-native English writers](#)
  - [Inside the AI factory — the creation of the "tasker" underclass](#)
  - [The difference between OpenAI and Anthropic's approach](#)
  - [Will AI become the new McKinsey?](#)
  - [ChatGPT's fluent BS is compelling because everything is fluent BS](#)
  - [New Theory Suggests Chatbots Can Understand Text](#)
  - [Watermarking is basically impossible against a determined foe](#)
  - [ChatGPT and Google Gemini are both doomed](#)
  - [AI Prompt Engineering is Dead](#)
  - [Why Anthropic's Artifacts may be this year's most important AI feature: Unveiling the interface battle](#)
  - [Why AI Isn't Going to Make Art](#)
- Courses and Trainings
  - [Practical Deep Learning for Coders](#): An online course for techy folks to learn to apply machine learning to practical problems

- [Generative AI Learning Plan for Decision-Makers by Amazon](#)
- [Foundations of Prompt Engineering by Amazon](#)
- [Career Essentials in Generative AI by Microsoft and LinkedIn](#)
- [Justice and Equity in Technology Policy](#)
- [Practical Steps for Building Fair Algorithms](#)
- [Ethics, Technology, and Public Policy for Practitioners](#)
- [Introduction to Generative AI Learning Path by Google](#)