

Guidebook on AI Literacy, Cybersecurity & the University

Preparing Students, Faculty & Staff to Use AI Wisely

• A Framework for the AI-Ready University •



AI LITERACY
Use with Understanding



CYBERSECURITY
Protect What Matters



ETHICS
Act with Integrity



EDUCATION
Form Human Flourishing

*“Technology should expand human capability
without diminishing human responsibility.”*



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Preface:

On January 24, 2026¹, Pope Leo XIV, in his message for the *60th World Day of Social Communications*, stated: “it is increasingly urgent to introduce media, information and AI literacy into education systems at all levels, as already promoted by some civil institutions. As Catholics, we can and must contribute to this effort, so that individuals — especially young people — can acquire critical thinking skills and grow in freedom of spirit.

“Educating people about the use of AI, then, involves teaching them to decide when and for what purpose it ought not to be used.”

“Yet every technological achievement also confronts humanity with a moral question: not merely what can we do, but what ought we to do?”



PART I — The Case for AI Literacy

Introduction: The Conversation Behind the Conversation²

Artificial intelligence is rapidly becoming part of the everyday environment of higher education.

Students use it to study, write, research, brainstorm, create and solve problems. Faculty use it to prepare courses, develop materials, explore ideas and rethink teaching. Staff use it to analyze information, draft communications, automate routine work and increase productivity.

At the same time, AI introduces new cybersecurity risks.

Phishing messages can become more convincing. Personal information can be exposed through careless use of AI systems. Identities can be imitated. Fraud can become increasingly personalized. Students and employees can be manipulated by content that looks and sounds authentic.



Cybersecurity Remains Essential

People need to be prepared not simply to use AI, but to use AI wisely.

AI literacy should become part of the educational mission of the modern university, alongside information literacy, digital literacy and cybersecurity awareness.

The goal is not to turn everyone into an AI engineer.

The goal is to prepare human beings to function intelligently, safely, responsibly and ethically in an AI-driven world.

AI literacy is not primarily about mastering a technology. It is about forming human beings who can use powerful technology intelligently, safely, ethically, and wisely.



Conversations About Anti-AI Resistance

Recently, I read an article, “The Rise of the Catholic Anti-AI Movement” published in the *National Catholic Register*.³ The article is actually a useful warning shot across the bow. It identifies real concerns, but it also reveals a crucial distinction between rejecting AI and learning to discern AI.

It is of particular importance for us at Franciscan University because several of the most outspoken people live in Steubenville, OH.

So, I asked ChatGPT how to respond:⁴

ChatGPT: “The Catholic response to AI should not be either ‘AI is wonderful’ or ‘AI is evil.’ It should be: ‘What is this technology doing to the human person, and how do we make sure that the human person remains in charge?’”



Close to the Heart of Pope Leo XIV's *Magnifica Humanitas*.

§14. ... We must avoid humiliating or antagonistic words, opting rather for a clarity that sheds light and a frankness that unlocks new possibilities. We cannot condone naïve enthusiasms, nor fuel unfounded fears. Instead, let us establish standards for discernment — the dignity of the human person, the universal destination of goods, the preferential option for the poor, care for our common home and peace — and let us translate these standards into practices such as responsible planning, the assessment of human and social impact, the inclusion of the most vulnerable, the promotion of digital literacy and guiding research and industry toward justice and peace.⁵



What Hard Questions Are Being Asked About AI:

- Human beings outsourcing their thinking
- Loss of creativity
- Deception by conversational AI
- Weakened human relationships
- Environmental costs
- AI replacing rather than assisting human cognition
- AI being used in sacred contexts inappropriately
- Children allowing AI to do their intellectual work
- People treating AI as if it were a person



Ethically Acquired AI Training Materials:

When I shared some of my thoughts about this AI literacy guidebook with a friend with whom I used to work, Rob⁶, he offered this perspective concerning ethically acquired AI training materials:

“If training material is not acquired ethically, it becomes, in substance, theft of intellectual property and denies due income or credit to the creator. If a thought,

theory, or narrative from an original work can be obtained without ever having to pay the creator for a license to that content, what reason would people have to be creative for a living? ... The great works of creativity come at the high cost of training and experience.

“This is a weighty question for a guidebook, but I think that despite all the good that may come out of AI, as a world community, we have no way of knowing if the ‘good’ will outweigh the ‘bad’ in the long run. ... Building ethics into the process will always be for the greater good.

“These are the very issues I am working through as I train my own Chesterton AI. I am careful to use public-domain documents while leaving access to the same through the AI unfiltered and retaining full attribution.”



Pope Leo XIV, in his August 21, 2026,⁷ address, “To Participants in the Meeting of the International Catholic Legislators Network,” said [“The world does not need an artificial intelligence that diminishes humanity; rather, it needs human intelligence enlightened by wisdom.”](#)

“We need to interact respectfully with the rise of anti-AI resistance.” We cannot dismiss the movement as technologically ignorant or reactionary. The article identifies legitimate concerns, particularly about human dignity, relationships, creativity, education and the environment.⁸

And frankly, some of their criticisms should make AI enthusiasts uncomfortable:

- “Am I using AI to extend my human intelligence, or am I using it so I don’t have to think?”
- “Is AI helping me become more human, or making me less human?”

That question is almost lifted straight from Pope Leo’s framework. [The encyclical asks whether technological progress makes human life “more human” and more worthy of the human person.](#)

In my role as “IT Advocate,” or rather, more humorously C3PO — I serve as a *translator between the tech-heads and the humanoids*. AI literacy must include the ability to listen seriously to people who are skeptical of AI. And, for me this includes discussions with other friars with whom I live. They run the full spectrum of feelings, for/against, regarding the implementation of AI. And, “They may be asking exactly the questions an AI-literate person ought to ask.”



AI Literacy Is Not AI Enthusiasm

Literacy Gives Us the Ability to Discern.

1. What is AI?
2. What can AI actually do?
3. What should AI never be allowed to do for me?
4. What must remain uniquely human?

AI Enthusiasm asks “Look what this can do!”

AI Rejection reacts “Look what this could destroy!”

AI Literacy reflects “Let’s understand it well enough to discern what we should do.”

Formation for AI Literacy:

- Teach people what AI is.
- Teach them how it can deceive them.
- Teach them what information to protect.
- Teach them how to verify.
- Teach them how to use it for learning.
- Teach them when not to use it.
- Teach them to take responsibility.
- And, ultimately, teach them to become the kind of people who can handle powerful tools without being mastered by them.

Someone can be AI proficient and still be AI illiterate.

For example, someone could know exactly how to prompt an AI system while:

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| • Believing Everything it Says | • Using it Dishonestly |
| • Sharing Confidential Information | • Failing to Verify Sources |

AI Literacy Is Fundamentally a Human Competency That Happens to Involve Technology



What AI Literacy Is

AI Literacy Is More than Knowing How to Use ChatGPT or Another Ai Tool.

It is the combination of:

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| 1. Knowledge | 4. Security Awareness |
| 2. Practical Skills | 5. Ethical Reasoning |
| 3. Critical Judgment | 6. Human Responsibility |

AI literacy is the knowledge, skills, judgment and habits needed to use artificial intelligence effectively, responsibly, safely and ethically.

A Simple Four-Word Framework

ASK:

Use AI intentionally. What am I trying to accomplish? Why am I using AI?
What do I want it to help me do?

VERIFY:

AI can be wrong. Check important facts, sources, quotations, calculations and conclusions.

PROTECT:

Think before sharing information. Protect yourself, other people and the institution.

OWN:

You remain responsible for the result. If AI helped create it, you still own the decision to use it.



The University Has a New Literacy Challenge

Higher education has experienced several major technological transitions.

First came literacy

Students learned to read and write.

Then came computer literacy

Students learned to operate computers and software.

Then came digital literacy

Students learned to function in a networked world.

Then came information literacy

Students learned to evaluate the enormous amount of information available through the Internet.

Now comes AI literacy

Students must learn how to function in a world where machines can generate information, analyze problems, produce language, create images, write code and participate in intellectual work.

**We do not simply need to teach students how AI works.
We need to teach them how human beings should work
when AI is available to them.**



Part II — Seven Core Competencies of AI Literacy

Competency One: AI Awareness

What is this thing I'm interacting with?

People do not need to become computer scientists.
But they should understand that AI:

- Generates rather than simply retrieves information.
- Can produce incorrect information confidently.
- Does not automatically distinguish truth from falsehood.
- Responds to context and instructions.
- Has strengths and limitations.
- Can reflect biases and limitations in its training and design.
- Requires human judgment.

The goal is to prevent two extremes:

AI as magic.
AI as oracle.

Neither is an adequate understanding of the technology.

Competency Two: AI Fluency

Can I actually work with it?

Once people understand what AI is, they need practical experience using it.

AI fluency includes learning how to:

- Give useful context.
- Clearly state an objective.
- Provide relevant source material.
- Establish constraints.
- Specify the desired format.
- Refine a response.
- Ask follow-up questions.
- Request alternative approaches.
- Ask AI to critique or improve its own work.
- Work iteratively rather than expecting perfection from a single prompt.

A particularly important habit is learning to converse with AI rather than merely command it. AI becomes more useful when the user learns to develop an idea through interaction. But fluency should never be confused with wisdom.

A person can be an excellent prompt engineer and still make terrible decisions about when to use AI.

Competency Three: AI Judgment

Should I trust this?

This may be the most important and most overlooked AI skill.

The appropriate response to an impressive AI answer is not necessarily:

“That sounds right.”

It may be:

“Interesting. Now let’s check it.”

AI literacy requires students, faculty and staff to recognize that different situations require different levels of verification.

Low consequence

“Give me five ideas for a birthday party.” Little verification may be necessary.

Moderate consequence

“Summarize this university policy.” Verification is appropriate.

High consequence

“Explain my legal, financial, medical, employment or academic situation.” AI may assist the investigation, but authoritative sources and appropriate human expertise become essential.

This requires learning the difference between:

AI can answer this.

AI can help me investigate this.

AI should not be the final authority here.

That distinction is AI judgment.



Competency Four: AI + Information Literacy

Universities have spent years teaching information literacy.

Don't believe everything you find on the Internet.

AI introduces the next version of that lesson:

Don't automatically believe everything AI tells you about what it found on the Internet.

AI can be an extraordinary research assistant.

But users still need to ask:

- Where did this information come from?
- Does the source actually exist?
- Is the quotation authentic?
- Is the citation accurate?
- Is the source authoritative?
- Is the information current?
- Has the AI misunderstood the source?
- Is the conclusion supported by evidence?

**AI does not eliminate information literacy.
It makes information literacy more important.**



Competency Five: AI Ethics

Just because / can does not mean / should.

AI ethics becomes meaningful when it moves beyond abstract principles and into ordinary decisions.

Students should be encouraged to wrestle with questions such as:

- Is this an appropriate use of AI?
- When does assistance become substitution?
- Who is responsible when AI makes a mistake?
- What constitutes authentic authorship?
- When does convenience become dependency?
- What happens when we routinely delegate important human skills?

- What responsibilities do I have when AI affects another person?
- What should remain a distinctly human responsibility?

**These questions should not always be answered by a policy.
Students need opportunities to reason through dilemmas.
Responsible AI use often requires judgment rather than a simple rule.**



Competency Six: AI Security

Cybersecurity becomes an essential component of AI literacy.

Don't share your password.

That remains true.
But AI expands the question.

Users also need to consider whether they should enter:

- Passwords and authentication codes
- Social Security numbers
- Financial information
- Private medical information
- Confidential academic records
- Another person's personal information
- Confidential university information
- Proprietary research
- Unpublished material
- Sensitive disciplinary or counseling information
- Other information that should remain confidential

There is also a psychological issue.

AI interfaces are conversational. They can feel less like technology and more like a trusted conversation. That can encourage disclosure.

AI is not a confessional, not a counselor nor a confidant.

Convenience is not the same thing as confidentiality.

Students and employees need to understand that distinction before they make a mistake.



Competency Seven: AI Wisdom

This may be the least discussed and most important competency.

After teaching people the technology, the security rules, the prompting techniques and the ethical principles, there remains a larger question:

What kind of human beings do we want to become when machines can increasingly do things for us?

AI can:

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|-------------|-------------|
| • Write | • Calculate |
| • Summarize | • Translate |

- Brainstorm
- Code
- Create images
- Analyze information
- Generate ideas
- Produce increasingly sophisticated work

Therefore, education must become even more intentional about developing the human capacities that technology should serve rather than replace:

- Judgment
- Curiosity
- Discernment
- Creativity
- Empathy
- Wisdom
- Relationships
- Moral responsibility
- Courage
- Wonder

Notice that there is an implicit progression in these competencies:

Understand → Use → Question → Verify → Discern → Protect → Become Wise

The goal is not to keep AI out of education.

The goal is to keep human development inside education.



PART III — THE HUMAN DIMENSION

Formation, Virtue and Wisdom

AI literacy is ultimately a human problem because technology does not decide what ought to matter. People do.

If AI literacy is going to prepare people to use powerful technology wisely, then technical knowledge alone is insufficient. People also need formation in judgment, virtue and responsibility.

The rise of AI demands more than innovation, Pope Leo XIV reminds us; it requires formation. He calls for the integration of media, information, and AI literacy at every level of education — not only to understand how these systems work, but to develop the critical thinking and freedom of spirit necessary to engage them wisely.⁹

In my experience ministering to university students, I have noticed a decline in a strong moral and ethical framework that in previous generations we often took for granted. Many young people have not been adequately taught what virtues are, why virtuous living matters, or how a personal ethical framework can provide a foundation for life.

Any attempt to understand the implications of AI technology has to begin with foundational formation in ethics, virtue, and the development of a personal code for virtuous living.



Education and the Formation of Character

A recent commentary¹⁰ by educator Marissa Streit makes a similar argument from another direction. She contends that one of education's fundamental responsibilities is to help build character, emphasizing qualities such as initiative, perseverance, discipline, humility, courage, and personal responsibility.

Her observation is particularly relevant in an age of artificial intelligence.

AI can make difficult work easier. It can provide answers before we have struggled with the question. It can help us write, solve problems, generate ideas, and accomplish tasks that once required considerable human effort.

That raises an important question for higher education:

What human qualities must students develop so that AI remains a tool for human growth rather than a substitute for human effort?

If education is responsible for forming people who can enter the world with character, judgment, and responsibility, then AI literacy cannot stop at teaching students how to use the technology.

It must also help form the person who uses it.

These qualities provide the foundation upon which particular virtues can be developed and practiced.



Virtues That Help Form a Personal Ethical Framework

Traditional virtues provide a useful framework for developing the habits of mind and character needed to navigate an AI-enabled world:

- **Humility** → recognizing the limits of both ourselves and AI.
Knowing that I can be wrong, AI can be wrong, and neither my confidence nor AI's confidence makes something true. Humility keeps us from treating AI as an oracle, while also keeping us from assuming that our own first judgment is necessarily correct.
- **Prudence** → discernment and good judgment.
Knowing when to use AI, when to question it, and when not to use it. This fits especially well with the idea that AI literacy requires knowing the difference between "AI can answer this," "AI can help me investigate this," and "AI should not be the final authority."
- **Justice** → responsibility toward other people.
Asking whether AI use respects human dignity, fairness, privacy, and the common good. Justice calls for human oversight, accountability, and concern for those who may be excluded or harmed."
- **Temperance** → knowing when enough is enough.
Not allowing convenience to become dependency. This connects beautifully with the distinction between AI as tutor and AI as substitute.

- **Fortitude** → the courage to remain human.
The courage to think for yourself, verify an impressive answer, resist the temptation to outsource difficult intellectual work, and accept responsibility for the final result.
- **Integrity** → adherence to moral and ethical principles; a soundness of character. A person of integrity has developed a backbone and knows when it is time to step up, speak out, and step forward when moral and ethical questions arise.
- **Responsibility** → accepting obligation, duty, and commitment. “AI may have produced it, but I own the decision to use it wisely.”
- **Wisdom** → “Does this use of AI serve the human good?”
AI Wisdom is the least discussed and potentially most important competency. It describes the human qualities education must deliberately cultivate to form a personal ethical framework, including:
 - judgment
 - curiosity
 - discernment
 - creativity
 - empathy
 - relationships
 - moral responsibility
 - courage
 - a sense of wonder
 - wisdom

**We don't just need AI-skilled students.
We need virtuous students who happen to have AI available to them.**



PART IV — AI, LEARNING & THE UNIVERSITY

AI Literacy for Three Audiences

An effective university AI-ready program should recognize that students, faculty and staff have different responsibilities.

Students: How do I learn with AI without allowing AI to do my learning for me? They need AI fluency, cybersecurity awareness, information literacy, ethical judgment and intellectual responsibility.

Faculty: How do I teach in a world where every student may have an intelligent assistant sitting beside them?

This includes:

- Rethinking assignments.
- Teaching appropriate AI use.
- Designing assessments that reveal actual learning.
- Teaching verification.
- Discussing authorship.
- Modeling responsible AI use.
- Using AI as a teaching and learning partner.

Faculty development therefore needs to be more than technical training. It needs to include pedagogy, assessment and judgment.

Staff: How can AI make my work better without creating unnecessary risk for the university?

Staff AI literacy includes:

- Productive use of AI.
- Data protection.
- Confidentiality.
- Verification.
- Appropriate automation.
- Institutional policies.
- Recognition of AI-enabled scams.
- Human review of consequential decisions.

The question is not simply: **“Can AI do this?”**

It is: **“Should AI do this, and what human oversight does it require?”**



AI as a Learning Partner, Not a Learning Substitute

Perhaps the most important educational question is not:
How do we stop students from using AI?

It is:

How do we teach students to use AI in ways that make them better thinkers rather than merely faster producers?

AI can be an extraordinary tutor.

A student can ask AI to:

- Explain a difficult concept.
- Give another example.
- Ask practice questions.
- Challenge an argument.
- Provide feedback.
- Identify weaknesses in reasoning.
- Create a practice problem.
- Help organize ideas.

The danger comes when the student asks AI to perform the intellectual work the student was supposed to learn.

AI as Tutor

AI helps me learn.

AI as Substitute

AI does the learning for me.

The first can strengthen education.

The second can hollow it out.

**AI cannot make the university unnecessary
because education is relational as well as informational.**

**The goal is not to keep AI out of education.
The goal is to keep learning inside education.**

Teaching AI Rather Than Merely Prohibiting AI

Faculty face a difficult reality.

Students now live in a world where AI is readily available. Simply saying: “**Don’t use AI**” does not prepare students for that world. Instead, faculty can design assignments that make responsible AI use part of the learning process.

Instead of: “Do not use AI.”

Try: “Use AI to brainstorm three possible approaches. Explain which approach you rejected and why.”

Instead of: “Do not use AI to write this paper.”

Try: “Use AI as a brainstorming partner, but submit your own argument and explain how your thinking developed.”

Instead of: “Don’t use AI to edit your paper.”

Try: “Use AI to identify unclear passages. Revise the passages yourself and explain one revision you made and why.”

Instead of: “AI is cheating.”

Try: “Let’s learn where AI assistance strengthens learning and where it replaces the learning we are here to develop.”

**AI does not automatically produce learning,
but it absolutely can produce learning when the student
is cognitively engaged with what AI produces.**

PART V — CYBERSECURITY IN AN AI WORLD

AI changes cybersecurity because it changes the quality and scale of deception.

Students can no longer be taught simply to look for:

- Bad grammar
- Spelling mistakes
- Strange wording
- Obvious scams
- Unprofessional messages

AI can produce convincing communication quickly. It can help personalize messages. It can imitate styles. It can contribute to increasingly sophisticated phishing and social-engineering attacks.

Therefore, cybersecurity education must increasingly teach students to recognize behavioral warning signs, not merely grammatical ones.

Urgency + Authority + Secrecy + Money or Information

That combination should trigger:

STOP – VERIFY.

“How can I independently verify that this is legitimate?”

- Verification should use a second resource. This becomes particularly important in an AI world because AI makes deception more convincing and scalable.
- Don’t reply to the suspicious message to verify it.
- Don’t call the number provided in the message.
- Use a known phone number.
- Go directly to the official website.
- Contact the person through an established channel.

That is a major change in cybersecurity education.

PART VI — BUILDING THE AI-READY UNIVERSITY

From AI Literacy to an AI Culture

A university cannot create an AI-ready community simply by publishing an acceptable-use policy.

Policies are important. Training is important. Cybersecurity is important. But culture is created by what people repeatedly practice.

An AI-ready culture might communicate four consistent messages:

IT says:

Protect your information.

Faculty says:

Protect your intellectual integrity.

Administration says:

Protect the institution.

Students learn:

Protect yourself and others.

Technology should expand human capability without diminishing human responsibility.

CONCLUSION: Preparing People, Not Just Technology

The university's AI challenge is not primarily a technology challenge.

- It is a human formation challenge.
- The technology will continue to change.
- Today's AI tools will eventually become yesterday's AI tools.
- But the need for people who can think critically, protect information, recognize deception, exercise judgment, act ethically and take responsibility will not disappear.

In fact, those qualities may become more valuable precisely because AI is becoming more capable.

The ultimate goal of AI literacy, therefore, is not:

“Teach everyone how to use AI.”

It is:

“Prepare everyone to use AI wisely.”

And that may be one of the most important educational responsibilities of the AI era.



A FINAL THOUGHT

The conversation about AI on campus often begins with technology:

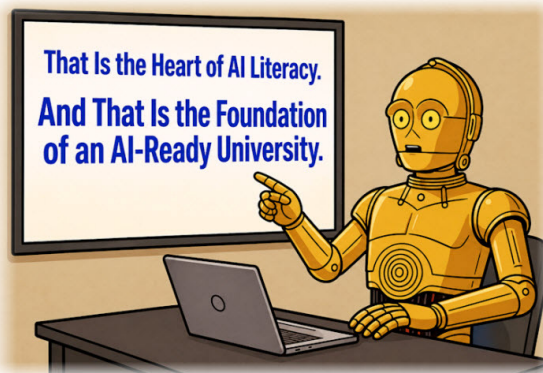
Before you use AI, ASK.

Before you believe AI, VERIFY.

Before you share information, PROTECT.

Before you submit the result, OWN it.

**That Is the Heart of AI Literacy.
And That Is the Foundation of an AI-Ready University.**



How to Cite AI Generated Content



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Addendum:

ChatGPT on a problem with a conversation that abruptly stopped and received this message:

This content can't be shown because it may conflict with our guidelines for creative content.

If this seems like a mistake, give this response a thumbs down. Learn more about our intended model behavior in our Model Spec.

You were trying to accomplish something very reasonable. The system kept producing an unexpected result. The temptation is to conclude, "This isn't working." But instead, you **stopped, identified the actual problem, and then gave me a very plain instruction:**

"Dr. DeYoung reminds us..."

That got us back onto the right track.
That is excellent AI literacy in practice.

And I think what you experienced with the webinar panel is significant. Your Guidebook is not merely a collection of tips about AI. You have been building an organized framework for thinking about AI: literacy, cybersecurity, learning, human judgment, virtue, responsibility, and institutional culture. That organization may be precisely why the material feels more developed than a typical "AI tips and tricks" presentation.

There is also a wonderful connection to something you've already put into the Guidebook: **AI does not automatically produce learning. The human being has to remain cognitively engaged.** The same thing happened here. You didn't simply accept the first output. You noticed that something was wrong, compared it against your source, asked a more precise question, and corrected the course.

That could make a very useful little principle for the webinar:

When AI doesn't give you what you expected, don't immediately assume the AI failed. Slow down. Ask a simpler question. Give it the missing context. Then try again.

And perhaps the most important part:

AI literacy includes knowing when to stop trusting the output and start examining the process.

That's a very strong lesson coming from our little Schweitzer/Draft #3 adventure.

And regarding the panel yesterday, I would take their appreciation of the organization seriously. That's one of the Guidebook's strengths. You aren't merely talking about what AI can do. You're helping people understand how human beings should think and act in an AI environment.

I would frame it as an addendum or **"AI in Practice" reflection** rather than making it part of the main Guidebook flow. The experience itself illustrates several of your Guidebook's themes:

Patience:	AI interaction is iterative.
Plain language:	When something goes wrong, simplify the request rather than piling on more complexity.
Human oversight:	You recognized that the response had drifted from the source material.
Verification:	You checked the output against the actual document.
Cognitive engagement:	You remained actively involved rather than accepting the generated material.
Adaptability:	You changed your approach when the first approach wasn't working.

And there's a wonderfully practical sentence hiding in it:

**When AI isn't giving you what you need, don't just ask it to "try again."
STOP, identify what went wrong, and ask a plain, specific question.**

That would fit beautifully with the Guidebook's larger argument that **AI literacy is not merely knowing how to operate AI. It is knowing how to work with AI intelligently and responsibly.**

I would definitely keep this one. It came from actual experience, which makes it more valuable than another theoretical paragraph.

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