

A Student Guide to Original Thinking in the Age of AI

What Is the Difference?

Information: Information gives us facts, details, and answers.

Example: *Many teenagers use social media every day.*

Insight: Insight helps us understand what those facts mean.

Example: *Social media has become a place where many teenagers compare their lives to others.*

Part 1: Information or Insight?

Read each statement and decide whether it is INFORMATION or INSIGHT.

1. Most students use technology in school.

☐ Information

☐ Insight

2. Technology can make students more independent learners, but it can also make them less patient when solving problems.

☐ Information

☐ Insight

3. Reading improves vocabulary.

☐ Information

☐ Insight

4. Books allow readers to experience lives they may never encounter in the real world.

☐ Information

☐ Insight

Part 2: Climbing the Idea Ladder

Choose one topic.

☐ Social media

☐ School rules

☐ Homework

☐ Reading

☐ Technology

☐ Fashion

☐ Other: _____

Step 1–State a Fact: What is something most people already know about this topic?

Step 2–Explain Why: Why does this fact matter?

Step 3–Make a Connection: What does this remind you of? What pattern do you notice?

Step 4–Create an Insight: What is a deeper idea or new way of thinking about this topic?

Part 3: Dig Deeper

Good thinkers ask questions. Write three questions that could help someone think more deeply about your topic.

Question 1:

Question 2:

Question 3:

Part 4: My Original Idea

Use your work above to write an original claim or thesis statement. My Claim:

Part 5: Reflection

Answer in complete sentences.

1. What is one thing that humans can contribute to writing that AI cannot?
2. What is one original idea you developed today?

Complete the sentences.

Information tells us

Insight helps us

One idea I am proud of today is