

2025 TIP Winner

Teaching Humanities by Designing

Generative AI Chatbots

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Motivation for the Project

- Regarding AI, what can the humanities do?
- Going beyond being a gadfly
- Classroom as a lab for design



What is the project?

- What is a chatbot for?
- How to answer a research question with a dataset
- Critical texts, historical context
- Problems along the way
- Fine-tuning and prompting

retrograde. If they are, on the other hand, redefining what butch and femme means, then I say great. I am not wedded to the use or non-use of words; I am wedded to not having them be used lightly and not having them distorted. I said it about being Black: it's not our destiny to fulfill white America's mistakes. And it's not the destiny of Lesbians to fulfill the mistakes of the heterosexist world. It's not our destiny as women to rlive male mistakes, and we are going to do it unless we begin to-her we come right back to wher we started, the question of what vision and poetry is all about. Poeti, music, constructs visions of what has not been; it doesn't show us the path to go backwards into our past. We need to know our past, we need to accept and learn from our past, and we need to move forward. The function of women's music, like the function of poetry, is to make us mor who we wish to be, and therfor mor powerful in terms of fighting the battles we all shar. And we cannot take one without the other. Most of what American culture has done, and American learning, has been to make us rceivers, passive absorbers. One of the functions of women's culture is to activate us. I'm less intersted in the fact that you believe the same things I believe as I'm intersted in getting you off your duff and putting yourself behind what you believe-and I'm willing to meet you. I believe we won't be too far apart.

Emily Martinez, *Unsupervised Pleasures*

Outcomes

- Critical making, rather than just using
- AI is not (entirely) a black box
- Accessibility of technology
- Benefits for other humanities classes



Cavity magnetron (original black box)