**Is it okay to use artificial intelligence to do your work?**

We will consider all AI's appropriate and ethical uses in completing your 4-H project work. You can think of ways to apply this to the rest of your life, too!

Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology allows computers to perform tasks that typically require human intelligence. Many AI tools can help you be more successful with your 4-H projects. However, there are times when these tools should not be used.

**Answer these questions together.**Chat with your club leader or some of your 4-H friends about artificial intelligence.

* What are some ways that AI can be helpful?
* When might using AI be considered dishonest or inappropriate?

**Let’s Think it Through**

Many AI tools can help you be more successful with your 4-H project. However, there are times when these tools shouldn’t be used. While AI can be a helpful tool, knowing when to use it and when to rely on your skills and creativity is essential.

In this activity, you'll decide when to use AI and when to do the work yourself. Think about each task and place an X in the column you think is correct. Ask yourself: Can I use AI to help me? OR should the work be 100% mine? Example: Can I use AI to help me with my project, or should the work be 100% my own?

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| **TASK** | **AI IS OK** | **THIS SHOULD BE MY WORK** | **A MIX OF AI AND ME IS OK** |
| Study for a Skill-a-Thon or CDE |  |  |  |
| Write a buyer letter |  |  |  |
| Plan a workshop |  |  |  |
| Presentation/demonstration Outline |  |  |  |
| Develop a Resume |  |  |  |
| Write an Essay |  |  |  |
| Create a Video |  |  |  |
| My 4-H Fair Project |  |  |  |
| Auctioneer Statement |  |  |  |
| 4-H Activity Sheets for Record Books |  |  |  |

**Things to Think About**

Many people use AI as a tool to make the mundane parts of their work (school, jobs, or even 4-H) faster and easier.  The question is, does it help you learn new things and grow as a person?  If you rely on a calculator to do all your math, you still have to understand the procedures and formulas behind it, or you won't know if the output is correct as things get more complex.  Is the same true when you use Artificial Intelligence?  What can you do to ensure you are still growing and learning?

**Experiment Time!**

Let's do a quick experiment.  Choose your favorite 4-H project and write a paragraph about that topic.  Think about what you've learned in the past, how it made you feel, and things you may want to learn more about while writing.

Now that you have that paragraph ask your favorite large language model (ChatGPT or Gemini are good choices) to write a paragraph about the same topic.  Which is more informative?    Which is more interesting?