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Developing Critical Thinkers in the AI Era

New Paradigms for Higher Education

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Reimagining Critical Thinking in the Age of AI

AI challenges traditional critical thinking models

Passive consumption vs. active inquiry

Need for deeper questioning, analysis, and ethical reflection

Hitch & Neary (2013)



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AI as a Tool *for* Critical Thinking

AI enables scenario-based, problem-solving learning

Real-time feedback supports reflection and revision

Students engage in ethical evaluation and data analysis

Inclusive Pedagogies for an AI-Driven Future

Shift from content delivery to inquiry-based learning

Evaluate AI outputs critically: accuracy, bias, ethics

Promote diverse thinking and inclusive learning spaces

How can we design learning experiences that use AI to enhance—not replace—students' ability to think critically, ethically, and independently?

How do we combat the “shallow learner” syndrome?



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