Film review: *Leave the World Behind*

How to use ChatGPT as a writing tutor

Your course is participating in an exchange project with your American partner school called "Visions of the future: movies that can move you to become an agent of change".

Write a film review of the movie *Leave the World Behind* for your partner school's website and your own website. Convince other students (not) to watch the film in order to become agents of change.

What to do: Use ChatGPT as a writing tutor.

How to check: The AI's results must be critically reflected.

Here's how to go about it:

1. You want to take the easy way and have ChatGPT do the job for you.

Write a film review of the movie *Leave the World Behind*.

Consider the quality of the results:
- Is the review suitable for your purpose in terms of your aim, your addressees and your situation?
- Is the language understandable to students at your school?
- Is the length appropriate?
- Is the content correct? (names of roles / actors, plot, etc.)
- Will the review appeal to your audience?

Don't be pleased too easily!

2. You want to know whether your text meets the criteria of a film review.

Ask ChatGPT: What are the main parts of a film review? What criteria must be met?

Check whether ChatGPT actually knows what makes a good film review. Read examples of real film reviews at https://www.imdb.com (change the language settings to English) or https://www.rottentomatoes.com and compare them with ChatGPT's response.

3. You want to adapt your prompt to improve your film review.

Craft your prompt carefully to formulate a precise AI task. Consider the aspects from "how to check" in steps 1 and 2. Tell ChatGPT (example): *I would like to write a film review for our school websites aimed at 12–19-year-old EFL students at my German school and our American partner school. The aim is to convince them to (not) watch the film "Leave the World Behind" (2023). The review should be easy to understand for EFL students, short and appealing to read online.*

Make sure the prompt is precise. Remember that AI only does what you tell it to do. If you keep your prompt too vague and too short, the result will not meet your expectations.

4. ChatGPT's review does not give your opinion. You want to change the tone of the review and the points it focuses on.

Ask ChatGPT: (Example only. Use your own opinion here!): *I disagree with the review. Include the positive aspects of the film, such as the fact that it addresses issues such as sustainability, climate change, dependence on digital media, the effects of a blackout, and makes the viewers aware of the dangers of not changing anything in the future. They should watch the movie to become agents of change themselves. However, it should be noted that the pacing of the film is slow, and it sometimes gets boring. The characters are not likeable.*

5. You want to know whether the facts are correct.

Ask ChatGPT: What are your sources? How can I check if the facts are correct?

This is ChatGPT's answer which is crucial for your well-reflected usage of this tool: As an AI language model, my responses are generated based on a mixture of licensed data, data created by human trainers, and publicly available data. I do not have direct access to external sources or databases, and my responses are not directly taken from specific articles or websites. Instead, I generate text based on patterns and information in the data I was trained on.

Verify the information provided in the film review. By cross-referencing information from the following sources, you can assess the accuracy of the facts and gain a comprehensive understanding of the film.

1. Film website and press releases:
   - Check official material for accurate information about the film, its cast and crew.
2. Film databases:
   - Check IMDb (Internet Movie Database): Provides detailed information about films, including cast, crew, plot summaries and user reviews.
   - Check Rotten Tomatoes: Offers critics' reviews, audience reviews, and an overall rating for the film.
3. Film reviews:
   - Look for reviews from reputable sources such as major newspapers (e. g., *The New York Times*, *The Guardian*), film magazines (e. g., *Variety*, *The Hollywood Reporter*), and online platforms (e. g., www.RogerEbert.com).
   - Compare multiple reviews to get a balanced perspective.
4. Interviews and articles:
   - Search for interviews with the director and actors to gain insights into the film's themes and production.
   - Look for articles that analyze the film's message(s).
5. Streaming platforms:
   - If the film is available on streaming platforms, check the platform for official descriptions and viewer ratings.

6. The film review is well-written in terms of language. But you still do not agree with every point.

DON'T ask ChatGPT: Use your own intelligence.

Edit ChatGPT's text and change anything you disagree with. Remember that the review should give your personal opinion, which is very individual.

Tip: If you cannot make up your mind whether to recommend the film, read more real film reviews online and identify aspects you agree with. Add these to your prompt.