

NEWS BREAK

Article: **Welcome to campus; here's your ChatGPT**

Section: **MAIN, A9**

Sunday's News Break selects an article from **Sunday, June 8, 2025**, of The Seattle Times print replica for an in-depth reading of the news. Read the selected article and answer the attached study questions.

Feel free to adapt this lesson for your students. For instance, some educators may assign this as a homework task, while others might facilitate the reading and discussion of questions within small groups or larger class discussions.

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Standards:

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.4.1

- Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.4.2

- Determine the main idea of a text and explain how it is supported by key details; summarize the text.

Objectives:

This article aims to explain how AI is being integrated into higher education, highlighting tech companies' motivations, benefits and challenges for students and institutions, and the ethical implications.

Pre-Reading Discussion:



- What do you think the article will be about, using this picture?
- Are there any clues? What can you infer?

Vocabulary Building:

Read this sentence, what do you think the highlighted words mean using *context clues*? A **context clue** is a word or words that are hints and refers to the sources of information outside of words that readers may use to predict the meaning of the word.

“The **curated** chatbot allows me to control the information in there to get the product that I want at the college level.”

Curated Guess:

Curated Definition:

Comprehension Questions:

1. OpenAI, the maker of Chat- GPT, has a plan to overhaul college education. How?
2. If the company’s strategy succeeds, universities would give students AI assistants which would do what?
3. What is OpenAI dubbing its sales pitch?
4. What is AI’s vision?
5. To spread chatbots on campuses, what is OpenAI doing?
6. OpenAI’s campaign is part of an escalating AI _____ among tech giants to win over universities and students with their chatbots.
7. The company is following in the footsteps of rivals like Google and Microsoft that have for years pushed to get their computers and software into schools, and court students as what?
8. In late 2022, the company’s rollout of ChatGPT, which can produce human-sounding essays and term papers, helped set off a wave of chatbot-fueled _____.
9. Less than three years later, _____ of college students regularly use AI chatbots as research, writing, computer programming and ideagenerating aids.
10. What school is touting itself as “the nation’s first and largest AI-empowered university system?”

Class Discussion Questions:

- What surprised (or stood out to) you in the article?
- At first, I thought _____, but now I think _____?
- Have you used AI tools? What are your thoughts?

Deeper-Dive comprehension questions for small groups, entire classes or journal entries and/ or essay prompts for extended enrichment:

- What does the AI race between Google and Microsoft reveal about their global influence? Do you think their ideas about how we learn might become even more important than what the government or public schools decide?
- California State University aims to integrate AI in education to prepare students for AI-driven careers. What benefits could an AI-driven economy bring? What potential issues might arise if society becomes heavily dependent on AI, such as employment displacement or biases within AI programs?
- There are some students cheating with ChatGPT. How did schools address new cheating technologies like printing presses for copying, or calculators in math class? How does the current development of AI compare to the way schools responded to previous technologies?
- Think about how we have learned over time – from books, to libraries, to the internet. How does using AI tools like ChatGPT in school compare to major changes in learning? What do you think will be the long-term effects of AI on how we learn in the future?
- The article describes AI integration in colleges as a "national experiment" due to its uncertain long-term effects. What ethical considerations are necessary when introducing modern technologies to the public without fully understanding their impact?
- Is AI a positive or negative tool for humankind? Give examples to back up your answer.

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