Josh Arbon – Socratic Seminar

General notes about Khayden – Brought up ai being used in power plants by Microsoft, and Facebook. He had multiple people talk about his point. He also rebutted multiple people in their points against his. Talked about adding restrictions to artificial intelligence, which was the topic for roughly the last quarter of the seminar.

My partner Khayden

Spoke in the discussion to make a point – 4 times

Referenced evidence from our reading/viewing – 0 times

Asked a follow up or clarifying question – 0 times

Interrupted another speaker – 1 time

Seemed disengaged or distracted from the conversation – 0 times

I think Khayden did well by defending the points he brought up that others tried refuting. However, something he could have improved on is conveying his thoughts more clearly. I think many people may not have understood the intentions behind the points he was making because they were confused about what he was trying to say.

* So, the most interesting thing we talked about during the seminar in my opinion is when we talked about water consumption to cool the servers. I had no idea that was a legitimate concern.
* A point I made that I think I conveyed well. I only made one point during the seminar and that was the point of AI supplementing learning in younger people. There was more I wanted to talk about but there was never really a good transition point during any of the conversations.
* I haven’t received feedback from my partner yet, but I know what I need to improve on. Next time I need to talk more than once during the seminar. Obviously, we didn’t have a lot of time for the whole thing, so that is partially to blame. I guess part of the problem is that it felt like only 3-5 people were talking back and forth, not allowing anyone else to jump in.
* I don’t really have new ideas after the seminar but there are topics I would have liked to talk about. The main one being the untouched potential of AI in robotics. I feel the conversations leaned a little too heavily on large language models and generative pre-trained transformers that we didn’t have the chance to transition to other topics like robotics.

I only brought up one point during the seminar, but I also made a comment on someone’s question that then became the topic of discussion for a decent portion of the seminar. Someone had asked what jobs would become obsolete when AI becomes more advanced, to which I said graphic design. So, it’s a bit difficult to rank my own performance during the seminar because I didn’t say much, but I did assist in steering the conversation in a direction where a lot of people were able to discuss something they had passion for.