**The Pre-Writing Stage**

***Homework Aims: to start planning your essay for mid-term evaluation***

**Task 1: Idea Generation**

Brainstorm 5 topics that are suitable for academic writing

*Note: these ideas should also be something you are interested in*

1. Information technology

2.Physics

3.Chemistry

4.Biology

5.Material

**Task 2: Choosing a topic**

Choose one topic as a focus for your essay

**Broad topic: Information Technology\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Narrow / specific topic: Whether Atificial Intelligence will replace human being to rule the earth.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Task 3: Developing a question**

What essay style are you going to choose? *Tick your choice*

* Argumentative✔
* Compare & Contrast
* Problem & Solution

**Propose a question: Will Artificial Intelligence replace human to rule the world?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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*Evaluate your question:*

*Is the topic suitable for an academic paper?Yes*

*Is the topic specific?Yes*

*Is the question suitable for your chosen essay style?Yes*

**Task 4: Finding Credible Sources**

Find **6** sources (traditional and non-traditional sources) that could help you answer your essay question, and complete the table below:

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| **Title / author(s)** | **Type of source:**  *Traditional- scholarly article etc.*  *Non-traditional- youku video etc.* | **Reasons it is credible:**  *Use credibility checklist* |
| 1. Some discussion about the betraying of Artificial Intelligence/Linwei  关于预防人工智能反叛的初步探讨/林伟 | Traditional-scholar article | Artificial Intelligence needs power and Internet, and human being can easily control them entirely. |
| 2. Does Artificial Intelligence realy have risks?/China Electrion Newspaper  人工智能有风险，杞人忧天乎？中国电子报 | Traditional-newspaper | Artificial Intelligence is created by human being, so it can’t exel human being at the end. |
| 3. |  |  |
| 4. artificial intelligence is a tool not an enemy/Dr How | Non-traditional-Zhihu | Human being can improve themselves each time they are defeated by artifitial intelligence |
| 5. Can we build AI and do not lose control on it?/TED  我们可以建造AI，而不会失去对它的控制吗/TED | Non-traditional-TED | There are some algorithm to prevent they do bad things. |
| 6. |  |  |

**Task 5: Thesis statement**

From your evaluation of the sources above, write a thesis statement.

*Note: this is early stages in the writing process. You will probably revise your thesis statement later*

**Thesis statement:Artificial Intelligence will never replace human being to rule the world.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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