

Discussion Questions (PDF)

Use these questions to spark a class discussion on AI. They are grouped by theme: Ethics, Everyday AI Use, and Privacy. The teacher can pose these questions to the class or have students discuss in small groups. Feel free to share personal examples or opinions — the goal is to think critically and hear different perspectives.

Ethics & AI

- **Fairness and Bias:** Can AI be *biased* or unfair? For example, if a facial recognition AI only learns from photos of adults, how might it treat kids unfairly? Why do you think AI might develop biases, and why is it important to fix that?
- **Accountability:** If an AI makes a mistake or causes harm (for instance, an AI gives someone the wrong advice or unfairly denies someone an opportunity), who do you think should be responsible? The programmer who created the AI, the company that uses it, the AI itself, or the user? Why?
- **Rules for AI:** Do you think there should be rules or laws for how people use AI (for example, laws against using AI to spread false information or to invade privacy)? Why would such rules be important or not important? (*Think about what could happen if there were no rules.*)

AI in Daily Life

- **Recommendation Algorithms:** How do apps like YouTube, TikTok, or Netflix seem to “know” what you might want to watch or see next? Do you think the recommendations an AI gives you always benefit you? When might those suggestions be helpful, and when might they be a problem (e.g., showing only certain types of content)?
- **Personal Assistants & Chatbots:** Have you ever used a digital assistant like Siri, Alexa, or Google Assistant, or chatted with an AI bot? What was that experience like? Did it feel like talking to a person? How much do you trust assistants or chatbots to understand you and give correct answers or help?
- **AI in Games:** Think of a video game you play or know. In what ways does that game use AI? (For example, controlling computer-generated opponents or characters, adjusting the game difficulty, etc.) Does the AI in the game make it more fun for you? Can it ever do something that feels unfair or frustrating (like an enemy that is too hard or too predictable)?

Privacy & Data

- **Data Collection:** What kinds of personal data do you think apps or AI systems collect from users? (*For instance, consider information like your location, your browsing history, your pictures, or your voice.*) How do you feel about that – does it worry you, or are you okay with it as long as the app is useful?)
- **Consent and Control:** When you install a new app or create an account, you often get asked to accept privacy terms or give permissions (like access to your camera or contacts). Do you usually read these, and how do you decide whether to allow it? Do you feel like you have control over how your data is used by AI systems?

Sharing Images/Voice with AI: Imagine an AI app wants to use your photos or your voice recordings to “learn” and provide you a service (for example, to make an avatar that looks/sounds like you). Would you be comfortable with that? Why or why not? What concerns might you have about who else sees that data or how it might be used in the future? (Discuss the importance of giving permission and knowing the risks before sharing personal data.)