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Summary: My daughter asked for help in her role as Thomas Hobbes, witness for the defense in "The Trial of Napoleon" for her European history class. I put the question to ChatGPT, which had just been announced by OpenAI a few hours earlier. [The service returned] a confident answer, complete with supporting evidence and a citation to Hobbes work, and it is completely wrong. Hobbes was a proponent of absolutism; checks and balances was the argument put forth by Hobbes' younger contemporary, John Locke. Hobbes and Locke are almost always mentioned together, so Locke's articulation of the importance of the separation of powers is likely adjacent to mentions of Hobbes and Leviathan in the homework assignments you can find scattered across the Internet.

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