LIN 313 Language and Computers
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Developing a Thematics

"To be a subject of history is to be able to name one's own reality." —*Paolo Freire, Cultural Action for Freedom*

"To study is not to consume ideas, but to create and re-create them." —*Paolo Freire, Education for Critical Consciousness*

What are the facts: List some things you have noticed about LLMs and/or AI recently. Think about your direct interactions with language models, our readings for today, the news, browsing the internet, social media, or conversations with others—anywhere people are talking about or talking to AI. (Your observations might be about 'model behavior', people's forecasts of our AI future in X Y or Z domain, the material reality of language technologies—anything.

What problem do the facts pose: Name three or more questions raised by your and your partners' observations. (Questions that are least theoretically possible for someone tos investigate!)

Synthesis: While listening to other group's questions, jot down phrases, concepts, and potential areas of investigaton that get your attention.