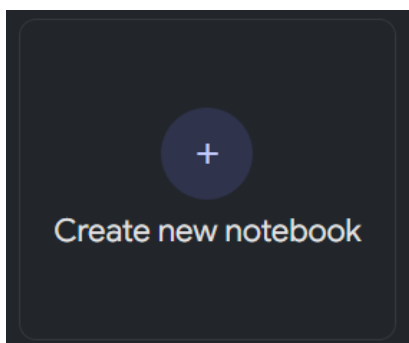




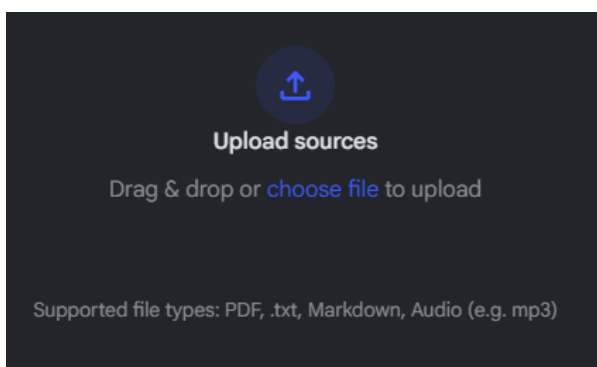
## AI Podcasts

1. **NotebookLM and Audio Overview Feature:** NotebookLM uses large language models to analyze uploaded documents, audio, and video files. A key feature is "Audio Overview," which creates a podcast-like discussion between two AI-generated hosts based on the uploaded material. These audio files can be downloaded and uploaded to learning management systems or podcast platforms.
2. **Pedagogical Value:**
  - i. Students enjoy listening to discussions of course material before lectures, providing a novel entry point into difficult readings.
  - ii. The fallibility of the AI in these overviews is considered a positive, as it prompts critical examination.
  - iii. The author dedicates the first fifteen minutes of each class to critiquing the AI discussions, focusing on what the AIs got right and wrong.
  - iv. This approach promotes critical thinking and reading retention, and helps dispel the myth that AI systems always produce reliable information.
  - v. The overviews help students engage with difficult material in a new way and become more critical in their thinking.
2. **Future Applications for Assessment:** The author plans to use these overviews for assessment, creating quizzes with multiple-choice questions to check core understanding and short-answer sections for critical assessment of AI errors. The goal is to require students to thoroughly understand the reading to critique the AI.

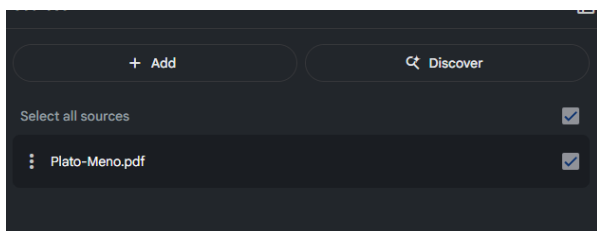
### 3. Creating an Audio Overview (How-To Guide):



For this article, I am using the entire text of Plato's *Meno*. If, however, you are using excerpts of a paper / chapter, the process will be identical. First, you must already have a Google account (such as gmail). Then, go to <https://notebooklm.google.com>. Click "Create new notebook".



When the new notebook opens, you will be shown a prompt asking you to upload the relevant document(s). Click the upward arrow or drag your file into your browser.



After the upload is complete, you will see the file that you uploaded on the left-hand side of the screen.



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## Meno: The Teachability of Virtue and Recollection

1 source

The provided text offers an excerpt from Plato's "Meno," a philosophical dialogue primarily exploring the nature of virtue. The conversation between Socrates and Meno begins with Meno's inquiry into whether virtue can be taught, acquired through practice, or is inherent. A central part of the dialogue features Socrates demonstrating his theory of recollection by guiding an uneducated slave through a geometry problem, suggesting that knowledge is innate and retrieved through questioning rather than learned anew. The discussion further examines if virtue is a form of knowledge and the role of right opinion, ultimately concluding that while some beneficial actions stem from knowledge, many good deeds, especially those of statesmen, may arise from a divine gift of right opinion rather than teachable wisdom.

In the middle of the screen you will see a one paragraph overview by the AI of the file that you have uploaded. At the bottom you will see a few options entitled "Add note", "Audio Overview", and "Mindmap". We'll ignore those for now, but they can be useful.

## Audio Overview



Create an Audio Overview in more languages! [Learn more](#)



### Deep Dive conversation

Two hosts

Customize

Generate

On the right-hand side of the screen you'll see the Audio Over section with the options to immediately generate an overview, or to customize it.



## Customize Audio Overview

### Length

Shorter

✓ Default

Longer

### What should the AI hosts focus on?

#### Things to try

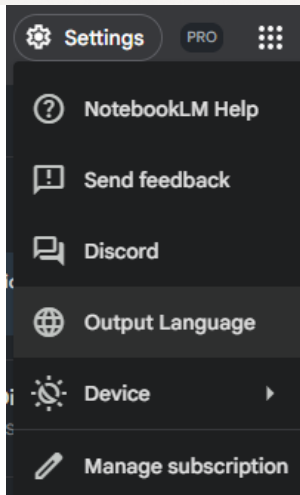
- Focus on a specific source ("only cover the article")
- Focus on a specific topic ("just discuss the novel")
- Target a specific audience ("explain to someone")

If you click "Customize" you can set the length of the overview to be short, longer, or the default length. I have found the default length to be a good choice for readings in the 10-20 page length.

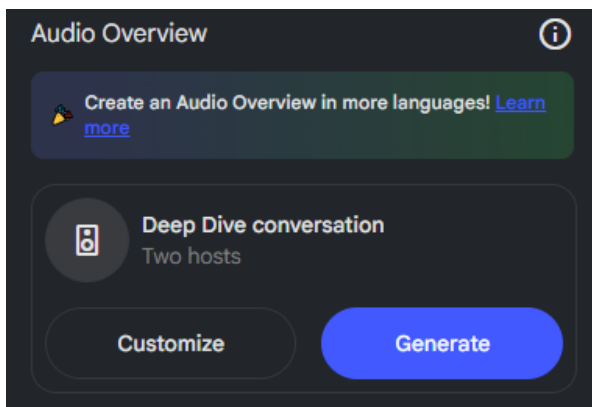


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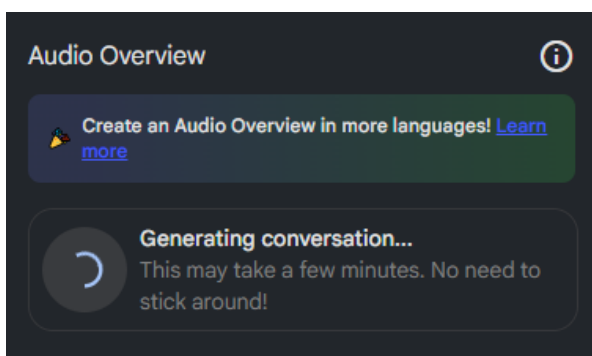
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If you want to create overviews in different languages, you can do this by clicking “Settings” at the top right of the screen, and clicking “Output Language”. This is a new feature that I have not had a chance to utilize in class yet, but I am going to introduce it to students for feedback purposes in Fall 2025.



When you have all of your settings selected, simply click “Generate”. The generation process takes a few minutes.

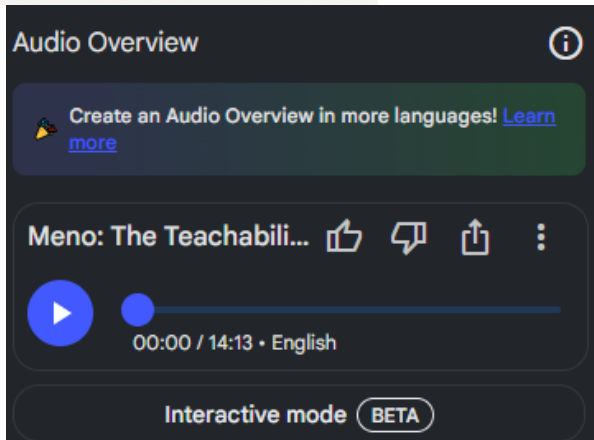


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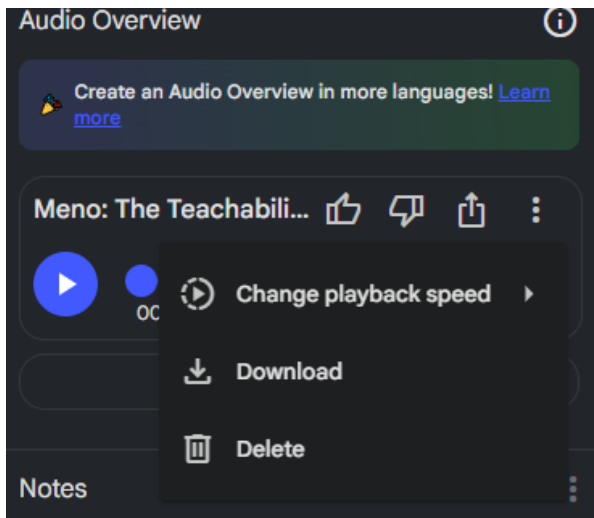


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When complete, you can play the overview immediately.



To download the audio file, simply click the three vertical dots and select "Download".

Congratulations! You've successfully made your first audio overview. I hope they help your students critically engage with your course material as they have mine.