

Assessment Redesign Checklist

Using the CLEAR Model for AI-Era Assessments

C - Contextualized Tasks

Goal: Make the task anchored in the students' actual environment, recent activities, or shared class moments.

- ☐ Does the task reference something that happened in class, in a discussion, or in a specific lesson?
- ☐ Does the prompt require using local context, school events, community issues, or classroom materials AI cannot know?
- ☐ Did I include a requirement such as:
 - "Use an example from last week's activity..."
 - "Refer to the experiment we ran in class..."
 - "Analyze the local issue we discussed..."
- ☐ Would an AI tool lack access to the information needed to answer fully?

L - Learner-Specific Inputs

Goal: Force personalization so each student produces a unique response.

- ☐ Does the task require students to use their own preferences, stories, or reflections?
- ☐ Does the assignment ask about a mistake they made, a strategy they chose, or a decision they took?
- ☐ Is there a prompt element that requires:
 - personal experience
 - personal data logs
 - choice-based explanations
 - self-evaluation

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- ☐ Would two students naturally produce different answers?
- ☐ Is it impossible for AI to fabricate these personal details consistently?

E - Evidence of Thinking

Goal: Require students to reveal their reasoning, not just output.

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- ☐ Did I require drafts, notes, or brainstorming sketches?
- ☐ Does the assignment ask for explanations of choices, why this method, or what they rejected?
- ☐ Does the rubric include thinking artifacts such as:
 - a decision-making log
 - a comparison table
 - a reflection on process
 - screenshots of work-in-progress
- ☐ Would copying/pasting an AI answer be insufficient because the reasoning evidence is missing?
- ☐ Does the task value process over product?

A Added Constraints

Goal: Create tasks that challenge reasoning within limitations.

- ☐ Does the task require students to make tradeoffs, compare two imperfect options, or justify one choice over another?
- ☐ Does the prompt include constraints, such as:
 - limited budget
 - limited time
 - limited data

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- conflicting stakeholder needs

- ☐ Does the scoring reward the ability to navigate constraints, not merely explain content?
- ☐ Would the task be difficult to solve with generic AI reasoning because of nuanced requirements?

R - Real-World Tasks

Goal: Situate learning in authentic scenarios that mirror real human challenges.

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- ☐ Does the assignment ask students to play a realistic role (journalist, designer, policy advisor, researcher, parent, engineer)?
- ☐ Does the task involve a real local issue, not a fictional or generic one?
- ☐ Are students required to interact with their environment, gather small observations, or reference real events?
- ☐ Is there a real audience or stakeholder (even simulated) who would care about the work?
- ☐ Would an AI struggle to generate an answer without accurate, local knowledge?

Final Review: “CLEAR Test”

Before assigning, ask yourself:

C – Is this grounded in something AI does not know (classroom/local context)?

L – Will every student produce a different response?

E – Am I grading their *thinking*, not their *output*?

A – Did I add meaningful constraints that require human judgment?

R – Does the task feel like something a person would do in the real world?