

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?