

## **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE - A WRITER'S FRIEND(ENEMY)**

Should I use AI? Can I use AI? Why should I use AI? The biggest of them all: “Would they know?”

If you've ever raised questions about the complications of Artificial Intelligence on the integrity of your work, this is for you. If not, scroll on to the next.

### **WHAT IS AI?**

Artificial Intelligence is no longer “Jack The Ripper’s identity” and almost every active consumer of the internet has pretty much heard about it. If you haven’t, then picture this:

You walk into a massive library with sections stretching as far as the horizon and shelves reaching the clouds. You meet the Librarian and ask different questions about the books in the library. The librarian proceeds to give you responses strictly based on the information that can be backed up by the contents in the available books – nothing more, a couple less.

However, I’ll tell you that we haven’t discovered true AI, yet—but a calculator. A Generative Pre-Trained Transformer – GPT for short – Advanced language models trained to recognize patterns in vast amounts of text and generate human-like responses. For short – an Alibaba version of a human.

For the sake of your ego, I’ll refer to GPT as AI (Artificial Intelligence) for the rest of this article.

### **SHOULD I USE AI AS A WRITER?**

That depends on you. AI offers a vast amount of precise information that can speed up your work and make you more efficient. But... DON'T FALL TO IT'S ALLURE!!!

AI works best when you feed it before asking it to work for you. Otherwise, you'll get a disgruntled worker who searches for numerous ways to make your life miserable. Yes, it can do that.

As a Writer, envision ideas and feed it to your chosen AI to tell you what it thinks about it and leave a comment; when it does, take those feedbacks, filter them and let it be in service of your original idea(s). Write a page or a couple of pages on the idea and feed the AI again to help in reviewing your work. Extract the feedback and use it to refine your work.

*DO NOT MAKE AI YOUR MUSE!*

What makes you a writer is your mind. If your mind no longer gives you ideas, leave the business of thinking and pursue another career.

### **CAN I USE AI AS A WRITER?**

Yes, you can. Not only is it free – to some extent, but also a great help when you're in for optimized information and greater efficiency.

### **WHY SHOULD I USE AI?**

In October, 2023, I attended a Tech conference in Olabisi Onabanjo University with guest speakers like Tunde Onakoya, Dannymaine, Dexter Moses, Timsux and many others. I had a conversation with Dexter Moses about his advice to young creators who are worried about authenticity when it comes to using AI. He responded that while he supports hard work, do not unnecessarily make your work hard because you wish to be conventional.

Use AI to improve your work and not to do your work for you. At the end of the day you're the Writer.

*AI gives you leverage.*

In a world where innovations are being made by the second and there's little opportunity out there to break into the industry, do not let your ego put you at a disadvantage. This is privilege – the first you've ever been offered for free. TAKE IT... USE IT... BUT BE WISE!

### **WOULD THEY KNOW?**

Like the first sentence in the "SHOULD I USE AI AS A WRITER?" paragraph, it all depends on you. So far you have it at the back of your mind when using it - that AI is here to assist and not replace you, you have nothing to worry about.

### **Words of wisdom:**

***I have tasted Chatgpt, Gemini, Grok, Deepseek.... But everyday, I'd recommend your mind.***