

New AI research tools historians should be aware of

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Your search - In the late 1850s, the Vernacular Literature Society, Calcutta, started publishing Bengali translations of Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tales as part of its series, the Bengal Family Library. Established in 1851 by a group of Bengali bhadralok and colonial officials, the Society aimed at countering the popularity of Battala literature deemed unsuitable for consumption. Named after the town Battala where a certain section of Bengali entrepreneurs had set up small printing presses, Battala was low-brow literature comprising cheap editions of traditional romantic stories, mythological tales, and erotic fantasies written in a prose that adhered to colloquial rather than the "standard" version of the language being crafted and promulgated by the Bengali educated classes, the bhadralok. - did not match any articles.

SciteAI also allows search by paragraph, providing sources and an argument synopsis:

Prompt/Response [here](#)

<https://scite.ai/assistant>

UnderMind, by Stanford, probably the scariest. Asks recursive questions about your research question, refines the prompt, finds most salient articles, summarizes main points across them in relation to query

<https://undermind.ai/home/>

See this example report, analysing currents in scholarship in different languages around the world.

https://undermind.ai/query_app/display_one_search/78d2662112f3905906f0611cb2c0e0f5dc1c9bff9fb844386d6860e36285eca6/

Research Assessment Workaround:

Get students to write **Research Journals**, which document their research process, how they used the tools, and how these tools changed their thinking.

Journal Entry:

Day 1

- 1) My questions about the subject. Write for 5 minutes about your topic stream of consciousness.
- 2) Describe search exercise. What do they look for, what sites do they use? Do they find items in bibliographies of known works?
- 3) Describe search findings. What came up? Provide links to useful search hits.
- 4) How did your thinking change about the subject?

Teaching how to do assignment:

Students are ingrained to write polished results-oriented papers, and frequently fail to deliver this process-oriented journal.

Do first as a group writing exercise, in class. Use as material for group discussion, as well as writing exercise. Don't assess.

Suggested tools for journaling:

To facilitate students' journaling of their research process, including their questions, search activities, findings, and reflections, while also tracking completion times, the following free online tools are available:

Google Forms

Create custom questionnaires with specific prompts for each of your four questions. Students can submit their responses, and you'll receive timestamps for each submission. Responses are compiled into a spreadsheet for easy review.

Microsoft Forms

Similar to Google Forms, this tool allows for the creation of tailored questionnaires. It records submission times and organizes responses for analysis.

Notion

A versatile workspace where you can set up shared pages for each student with predefined templates containing your questions. Students can journal directly, and you can monitor updates with timestamps. Notion offers a free plan for personal use, which can be extended to students.

Penzu

An online journaling platform that allows students to maintain private journals. While primarily designed for personal use, students can share entries with you via email. Penzu offers a free version with basic features.

Reflection.app

Focuses on guided journaling with prompts and allows users to track their entries. Students can share their reflections with you by exporting entries. The app provides a free tier with essential features. For educational purposes, Google Forms or Microsoft Forms are particularly effective, as they allow you to design specific questions, automatically record submission times, and compile all responses in one place for easy monitoring.

Journal Tracking Tool Suggestion

Q: How would I set up a notion with timed reporting features that will send reports of when the forms were filled out and automatically tabulate them?

GPT: To effectively track your students' research processes using Notion, you can set up forms that allow them to journal their progress, with each submission automatically timestamped and organized for your review. Here's how to set this up:

1. Create a New Form in Notion:

- Navigate to the desired page in your Notion workspace.
- Type /form and select "Form" from the options. This action will create a new form connected to a database.

2. Design the Form with Specific Questions:

- In the form builder, add the following questions to guide your students' journaling:

- **My questions about the subject:** (Text)
- **Stream of consciousness writing about the topic (5 minutes):** (Text)
- **Describe search exercise (e.g., resources used, search strategies):** (Text)
- **Describe search findings (include useful links):** (Text)
- **How did your thinking change about the subject?:** (Text)

- Ensure each question is marked as “Required” to prompt comprehensive responses.

3. Configure Submission Settings:

- Click on the “Share form” button at the top of the form builder.
- Set the access permissions to “Anyone at [your workspace] with link” to restrict access to your students.
- Toggle “Anonymous responses” off to capture each student’s identity with their submission.

4. Share the Form with Students:

- Copy the form’s URL and distribute it to your students via email or your chosen communication platform.

5. Monitor and Analyze Responses:

- Each student submission populates the connected database, with a timestamp indicating the submission time.
- To view and analyze responses:
 - Open the database linked to your form.
 - Use the “Created time” property to see when each entry was submitted.
 - Apply filters or sorting to organize entries by submission time or student name.

6. Set Up Automated Notifications (Optional):

- To receive alerts when a student completes the form:
 - Click the lightning bolt icon (⚡) at the top right corner of the database to access Automations.
 - Create a new automation with the trigger “When new page added.”
 - Set the action to “Send email to” or “Send Slack notification to,” depending on your preferred communication method.

By implementing this setup in Notion, you can efficiently track your students’ research journaling, ensuring all entries are time-stamped and organized for easy review.