

Turn class content into AI adventure stories



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Do you remember Choose Your Own Adventure books?

After reading a few pages, you would choose between two options for the protagonist. You then turned to the page with the continuation of the story based on that choice you had made. Each book had several possible endings -- all based on your choices as a reader.

Good news: These types of stories can engage your students in the classroom content you teach if you weave that content in.

Great news: AI assistants like ChatGPT can create them for you -- and guide students through the story.

I learned about how AI can create these types of stories from Earl Yager from El Paso ISD in Texas. He shared how he was using them, and I started to explore.

After some trial and error, I came up with this prompt for an AI assistant like ChatGPT, Microsoft Bing, or Google Bard.

You can use it, too, by adjusting the elements in bold to reflect what your students are learning.



Here's my prompt (that you can copy/paste):

*I'd like you create a text adventure game for me. I'm studying **history in high school**. I'd like it to explore **Mesopotamia** and help me explore **important people, events, and concepts in its geography and language**. Create it like a historically accurate story, teaching me about **Mesopotamia** while I'm interacting with it. Give me **three***

*paragraphs of story at a time. Then, stop and ask me to make a decision. Continue the story in a way that's consistent with the decision I've made. Ideally, I'd like about **6 prompts** before the story ends. When the story ends, ask me a few questions that help me reflect on what I've learned.*

[Here's a link to the full transcript of my story.](#)



Here are some ways I could see this being used:

- Display your AI assistant on a projector/interactive display and run the prompt there for the whole class to see.
- If your students are old enough to use an AI assistant like ChatGPT (and have parent/guardian consent), they can copy and run the prompt on their own devices.
- Use AI to help you develop a branching story like this and copy the text to [a choice story in Google Slides \(link to tutorial post\)](#).
- Ask students to analyze the story for accuracy or improvements to the experience.



One more fun teaching idea with AI and storytelling: Indiana educator Heather Bogan shared a fun twist on learning about the Revolutionary War. She had an AI assistant create **a story in gossip magazine style** highlighting all of the events that led to the war. It talked about the drama of the Proclamation of 1763, a charismatic troublemaker (Ben Franklin), and the American colonists' petitions (like "fiery love letters").

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