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Let's get you from "Wait, what's a prompt?" to "Holy crap, this saved me 2 hours."

If you've never used ChatGPT or another AI tool before, you're not alone — and you're not behind.

Most teachers are either:

- Too overwhelmed to try it,
- Terrified they'll break something,
- Or assume it's just for techy types who own three monitors and say things like "Let's pivot to agile."

I'm here to show you that AI can be simple, powerful, and totally usable — **without selling your soul to Skynet.**

Below are 5 prompts you can literally copy, paste, and use today.

1.  **"Give me a warm-up question for [topic] that students can answer in 3 sentences or less."**

Example:

"Give me a warm-up question for 6th grade social studies about ancient Egypt that students can answer in 3 sentences or less."

✔ Great for bellringers, Do Nows, or emailed daily check-ins.

⚠ Be specific with grade level and tone.

2. 📋 **“Create a 10-question multiple-choice quiz on [topic], with an answer key.”**

Example:

"Create a 10-question multiple-choice quiz on plant cells for 7th grade, with answer key."

✔ Good for practice tests, review games, or emergency sub plans.

⚠ Always skim for accuracy (AI isn't perfect).

3. 💬 **“Summarize this article for a 5th grade reading level in bullet points.”**

Example:

"Summarize this CNN article about the Mars rover for a 5th grade reading level using 5 bullet points."

✔ Great for simplifying current events, nonfiction texts, or IEP accommodations.

4. 🧠 **“Suggest 3 quick extension activities for early finishers during [subject/time block].”**

Example:

"Suggest 3 quick extension activities for early finishers in middle school ELA."

✔ Perfect for that one student who finishes everything while you're still passing out papers.

5. 🛒 “Create a checklist to help students stay organized for [project or unit].”

Example:

"Create a checklist to help 8th grade students stay organized during a science fair project."

✅ Use for planners, project guides, or visual support for executive functioning.

📁 Final Thoughts (Because You Deserve a Break)

You don't need to be a tech wizard to start using AI.

You just need one prompt, one click, and a willingness to say,
“Let's see what this thing can do.”

And if it spits out garbage?

You close the tab and go back to your coffee. No harm done.

But if it works?

You just bought yourself 20 minutes of your life back.

Welcome to *Prompted & Prepared* — let's make this your new superpower.

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