

Generative AI Documentation Table

“The Apocalypse Inside: The Hallmarks of Cancer and Zombies” by Sophie Mendell
 Edited by Daniela Danilova and Megan Amason

Usage	Tool Used (e.g., ChatGPT-4)	How you edited the output, if at all	Conversation Link (If available)
Topic selection	NA	NA	
Brainstorming and idea generation	Google Bard	Used for idea generation . An example of this is the idea that zombies are often a “catalyst for change.” Translation of this idea into researchers working hard to cure cancer, found in the conclusion, was completed by the author without additional conceptual input.	
Research	Google Bard	To identify themes found from heavily frequented zombie media (Walking Dead, Resident Evil, etc.). These included themes of death/decay, darker aspects of human nature, loss of agency in those infected. These themes were then tied to hallmarks of cancer by the author.	
Outlining/planning	Google Bard	Used for creating topic sentences with a good hook; condensing two introductory paragraphs; and using descriptive narrative language.	
Drafting	Google Bard	Tbh, this was a struggle and mainly failed. AI was successfully used for creating a topic sentence with a good hook; however, asking it to	

		adjust sentences based on connotation nuances and tone was difficult. Asking for multiple options often returned enough samples that something viable (desired tone/connotation) could be used.	
Media creation	NA	NA	
Editing/revising (Sophie Mendell)	NA	Word count decreases. Identifying specific wording applicable to both contexts (decay, aggressive/frightening, degeneration, instability), effectively being used as an advanced thesaurus . Repeatedly, results grammatically inconsistent with what was requested were provided (ask for topic sentence, returned multiple sentences); sometimes grammatical errors were present.	
Editing/revising (Daniela Danilova)	NA	NA	
Editing/revising (Megan Amason)	NA	NA	
Other	Google Bard	At times, really lovely/fun phrasing was generated and used directly; examples: “understand our dread of the walking dead” and “embody the darker aspects of human nature”	