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Artificial Fraud

I walked into my English class on a late Thursday morning. For me, it was just another day of “getting through it,” as I was always in a race against time to complete whatever work we got assigned that day. The bell had just rung, and I sat down waiting for what I was going to inevitably fall behind in. My teacher was presenting the class with a new assignment.

She announced that there would be a project; she went on to give the instructions for what this project was about. I admit that it was hard to pay attention. All I was thinking about was how that project would ruin my fall break. I dreaded the fact that I would need to create a presentation on a banned book and that I would need to read over 200 pages in order to complete this assignment. “How would this project ever help me in my life?” I asked myself.

I went home that night and got on a call with one of my friends. I started complaining to her about this assignment we both had to do. As I was on a rant, she told me that I could let an Artificial Intelligence program do it all for me. Hearing this, I felt this heavy weight fall off my shoulders, and I gave a sigh of relief. I thanked her and ended the call, and later that night, I was able to sleep knowing that my fall break wouldn't be ruined. The next day, however, I started having some guilty feelings.



I used the program to make the presentation for me, but I couldn't get myself to turn it in. It was like a boulder was crushing me, reminding me that there would be consequences for my cheating. I kept thinking, “What if I get caught cheating?” If I did, I could have failed that class. The thought of punishment was enough for me to delete the artificially made presentation.

I rethought my fall break plans and read the 200-page book. The last few days of my fall break were designated for making the presentation and turning it in. I returned to class after fall break to present my project, and a day later I got an A. I felt not only accomplished but proud for doing the right thing and doing the work, instead of cheating. It made me recognize that it is more fulfilling to push through our troubles, instead of taking shortcuts.

Ethics has played an important role in my community. An ethical mindset can bring out integrity in anyone, as well as give a better sense of achievement through tribulations we have.