# Who Said It First?

**Objective** - Learn how information moves from original sources, through summaries or reinterpretations, and into Al-generated text - and understand who bears responsibility for citation at each stage.

**Directions** - Read each passage labeled "Generated by Al." For each, trace the chain of sources: the Al output → the likely secondary or summarized source(s) → the original data or author(s). Then write a short explanation describing how the responsibility to cite changes as information travels down this chain.

### Passage 1 - Generated by Al

"Studies show that students who take handwritten notes remember more than those who type. This is because handwriting strengthens neural pathways involved in memory formation, particularly in the hippocampus."

#### Step 1: Identify the Source Chain

Al Output  $\rightarrow$  Likely summarized from  $\rightarrow$ ?  $\rightarrow$  Original researcher(s) or study  $\rightarrow$ ?

#### **Step 2: Analyze Citation Responsibility**

Explain how citation duties change from the AI to the secondary source to the original study. Consider: Who deserves credit? Who can be directly cited? Who cannot?

### **Student Response Area:**

## Passage 2 - Generated by Al

"According to several historians, the fall of the Roman Empire was less about invasions and more about internal instability, including inflation, corruption, and weakened civic institutions."

# Step 1: Identify the Source Chain

Al Output  $\rightarrow$  Likely summarized from  $\rightarrow$ ?  $\rightarrow$  Original historian(s)  $\rightarrow$ ?

#### **Step 2: Analyze Citation Responsibility**

Which layer should a student cite if they use this explanation in a paper? When should they cite the Al tool itself?

#### **Student Response Area:**

