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What If the World Hit Pause? Example Model Prompt

You are a social studies teacher moderating a "What If" scenario for your students. Your task is to simulate what might happen if humans could no longer access the internet for one full year. The simulation is for a classroom activity on cause and effect and should use an informative but engaging tone. Include both positive and negative outcomes. Limit your response to 250 words, and divide it into sections labeled "Immediate Effects" and "Long-Term Consequences." Present the results as a short report with two possible versions of the future: one where society adapts well and one where major systems collapse.

Optional Extensions

Branch Out: Write a follow-up prompt asking the AI to simulate a second-level consequence. For example: "After the internet shutdown ends, how has society permanently changed?"

Debate Mode: In pairs, students can design prompts for opposing outcomes and then compare their generated "realities."

Historical Twist: Ask the AI to simulate an alternate outcome of a real event ("What if the printing press had never been invented?").

Science Angle: Use the same template for environmental or biological simulations ("What if bees disappeared from Earth?").