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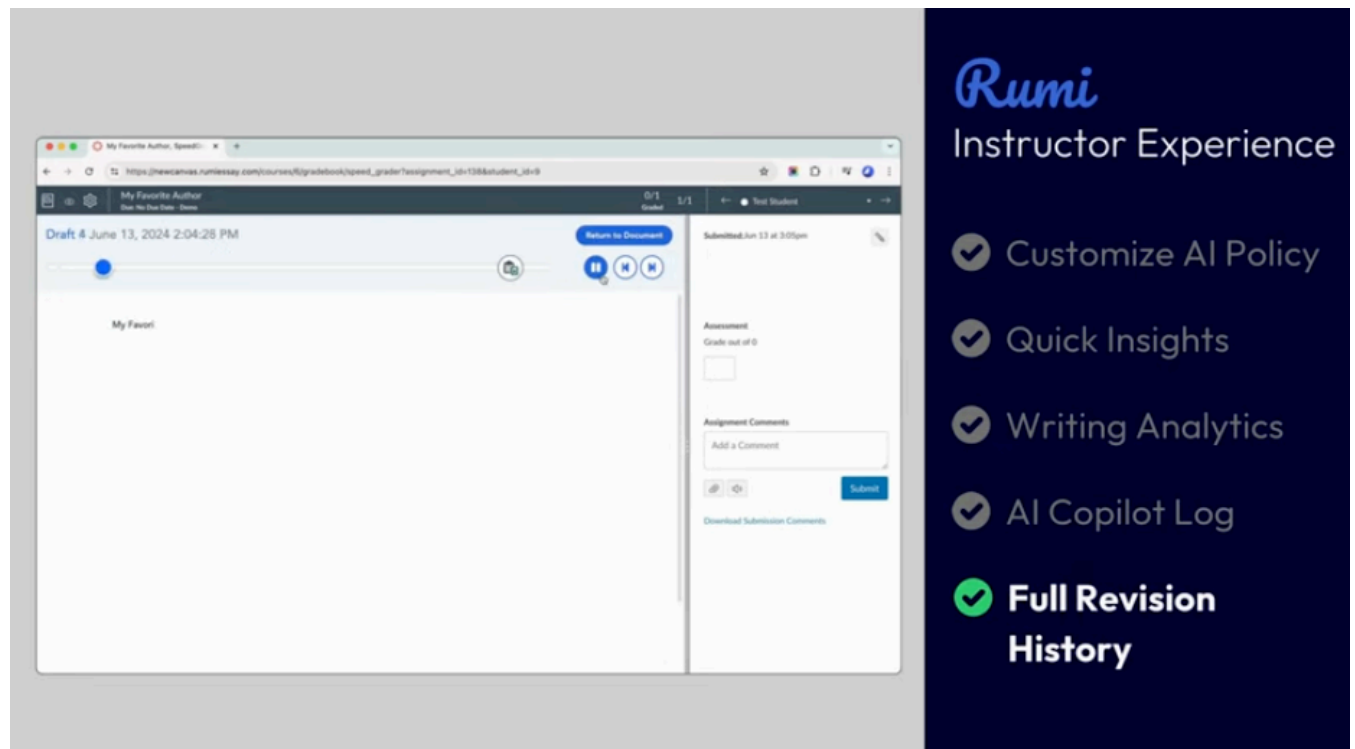
NEOTech 2025 Website

Developing Writing Skills in the AI Era

It's no secret that students can use ChatGPT and other AI tools to do written assignments for them. AI writing-detectors like GPT Zero have many problems, and there are apps like this designed to alter AI-created text so it can trick those detectors.

What are teachers to do? One possible solution is an app called Rumi. This app is currently marketed towards Universities, but they are developing a web-app version of their tool which would fit nicely in K-12 education.

Rumi is a word processor app with multiple AI features baked in. Teachers can control when students can use the AI features, and Rumi logs every step of the writing process. We are waiting for the developers to launch the official web app version, but from everything I have personally seen, it looks very promising.



The image shows a screenshot of the Rumi web application interface. On the left, a browser window displays a document titled "My Favorite Author, Speed..." with a draft date of June 13, 2024, at 2:04:28 PM. The document content is partially visible, showing "My Favori...". On the right, a dark blue sidebar titled "Rumi Instructor Experience" lists several features with checkmarks: "Customize AI Policy", "Quick Insights", "Writing Analytics", "AI Copilot Log", and "Full Revision History".

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A Nice Addition to Diffit

Diffit is an excellent AI app for teachers to create all sorts of differentiated content. They have recently released a new option for creating content based on books. They have launched this

feature with an impressive list of famous novels such as *1984*, *The Series of Unfortunate Events*, *Harry Potter*, *Life of Pi*, and MANY more!

🌐 Literally Anything

📖 **Books**

🔗 Article or YouTube Link

📄 Text or PDF

☰ Vocabulary List

1. Select a Book and Chapters 📌

Search for a title or author



Peak - Roland Smith



Percy Jackson and the Olympians: Wrath of the Triple Goddess: The Senior Year Adventure... - Rick Riordan



Percy Jackson's Greek Gods - Rick Riordan



Peter Pan - James Matthew Barrie



Phineas Gage - John Fleischman

Reading Level

Language

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Google Gemini File Upload

The AI arms race continues! Google has been rolling out an update to Gemini that allows free users to upload their own files such as PDFs, Word Documents, CSVs, and Google Sheets. Which means you can now chat with Gemini about your specific content!

Hello, Dan

🖼️ Image



Files



Drive

What can I do for you?

Inspire me

Save me time

Explain something



Ask Gemini




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Canva Interactive Polls

Canva continues to be an amazing part of every teachers' toolbox! They have recently launched Interactive Polls, which let teachers ask questions to gauge student understanding - inside a Canva project!

To add a Poll or Quiz, simply search for "Poll" in the Elements menu while editing a Canva project

Canva Design School



Engage your students with interactive polls

Say hello to polls in class! Spark excitement and collect student responses, all within Canva.

Ms. Pierce

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Encourage peer feedback

Create polls that empower students to provide constructive feedback on each other's work.

What did you like most about my report?

Presentation style

Clear explanation of themes

In-depth character analysis

Balanced summary

● Loading...

Check in on student well-being

Give students a safe space to share their feelings and start meaningful conversations about mental health.

How are you feeling today?

A. Feeling great

B. Doing okay

C. Feeling a bit down

● Loading...

Conduct a formative assessment

After a lesson, use polls to gauge what topics students would like to revisit or need a little extra help with.

Which topic would you like help with the most?

Comprehension

Creative Writing

Grammar

Vocabulary

● Loading...

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