

Independent Project – Proposal form 2025/6

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Proposal Title: Your **title** should be a 'heading' that gives a flavour of what you will be exploring – eg: "Apron Strings and the Kitchen Sink drama"

Is AI the Future of Audiobooks or Do Voice Actors still have a Chance?

Proposal Subtitle: Your subtitle should give a little more detail of what you will be looking at – eg "An exploration of the rise of feminism and the way women are portrayed in the plays of the 1950s and 60s in the UK"

An exploration of how AI has negatively impacted the world of human narrators and the significant of human connection through storytelling.

Proposal aims and objectives: This section should outline your main focus of your project including some of your research aims and areas of interest that you would like to include.
(Max 200 words)

I would like to incorporate my own investigation by making my own recorded examples of audiobooks. One AI and another using human voice actors. I plan on getting feedback and gaining knowledge through real people's opinions. This will be helpful since AI is new in terms of research, but I also plan on finding scholarly research based on the benefits of listening to real human storytelling rather than AI-generated. I want my focus of this project to explore the effects of A of AI voice acting audiobooks and how this might negatively affect human connection in the form of storytelling.

Proposed Collaborations: This section should highlight some of your collaboration ideas including 'why' you think they would be useful in your project and what you hope to achieve.
(Max 200 words)

I plan on collaborating with Gabbi because they are writing about AI vs Voice Acting. They will have a lot of relevant information for me to add to. I am also interested in having Gabbi voice act in my small audiobook I want to create. It would be a really good way to help someone already interested in the field gain experience and knowledge, as well as give them something to possibly add to their own project. And, since our topics are similar, we will both have things to bounce off each other if we ever find a useful piece of information or some that we should steer clear of.