

## Student Handout #2 (Close Reading Exercise #1)

**Instruction:** Read Passage B following the same protocol as the previous passage; that is, **underline** emotional language, **circle** qualifiers, and **star** tone shifts.

**Once you've done that:**

### Phase 3: Comparative Analysis:

**1. Contrasting Metaphors** The first passage called LLMs an "*existential earthquake*." This passage calls them a "*breathtaking dawn*." How do these two metaphors change your physical or emotional reaction to the technology before you even read the supporting details?

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**2. The Use of "Admittedly" vs. "Inevitably"** The first passage says we are "*inevitably*" hurtling toward a dark reality. This passage says LLMs are "*admittedly*" in their infancy.

- Which word feels more objective?
- How does the word "*admittedly*" make the author of Passage 2 seem more "reasonable" or "fair-minded"?

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**3. Identifying the Villain** In Passage 1, the "villain" is the technology/Silicon Valley. In Passage 2, who or what is the "villain" or the obstacle to progress? (Look at the final sentence).

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We'll finish up the exercise with a class discussion.