

Raised Nimble

You cannot out-compete AI.
But you can out-human it.

YOUR WEEKLY MOVE

Battle Map

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Tool Leverage

"Use another's strength as your weapon. Attack using the strength of another when you are on the offensive, and have another attack him when you are on the defensive. Use the forces of your allies to strike him, or use his own strength against him."

— 36 Stratagems, Stratagem 03

STRATAGEM

Use AI to sharpen your child, not replace them

Every time your child uses AI to get an answer, make them use it again to challenge that answer. The tool is not the shortcut. It is the resistance. You are teaching them to wield the sword, not hand it over.

REMEMBER

34% stronger critical thinking when AI is used as critic, not creator

Stanford found that students who used AI to critique their own work showed **34 percent stronger** critical thinking than students who used it only to generate content. The borrowed sword works only if your child learns to turn it on themselves.

THIS WEEK

Three moves to run now

- Pick one task your child does with AI this week—homework, research, anything. Before they finish, make them ask the AI: What is the weakest part of this answer? Have them defend or revise based on what the AI says.
- Teach the follow-up reflex. Every time your child gets an AI answer, they must ask one clarifying question before moving on. No exceptions. The question can be simple—Why? How do you know? What if the opposite were true?—but it must happen every time.
- Make the AI argue against your child. Pick a topic they care about—sports, games, school policy, anything. Have them state their position, then make them ask the AI to argue the opposite as convincingly as possible. Their job is to defend their original view or admit the AI has a point. Either outcome is a win.

CORE INSIGHT

Most parents treat AI as the threat to their child's development. The strategic parent treats AI as the training ground. When your child uses ChatGPT to debug their thinking, summarize complex material, or stress-test an argument, they are building judgment, discernment, and synthesis skills that will outlast any specific job category. You cannot remove AI from their world. But you can turn it into the opponent that makes them sharper.