

# 5 prompts to explore Claude's unique strengths.

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Claude has always occupied a somewhat unique position in a world teeming with AI chatbots. Anthropic's product has built a reputation for thoughtful explanations and reliability, even after the safety commitment has ended, partly thanks to Constitutional AI, which trains the system to self-criticize and refine its responses according to guiding principles.

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## 1. The Pizza and Pirate Method



Claude works best when prompts include fun constraints that force him to generate creative metaphors. For example, the internet is full of dry explanations of blockchain technology . Most start with cryptographic hashes and distributed ledgers, then quickly lose half their viewership.

Instead, ask Claude:

Gi?i thích cách ho?t ??ng c?a blockchain ch? b?ng các phép ?n d? liên quan ??n vi?c giao bánh pizza và c??p bi?n

Claude responded with a bizarre but informative story about a team of pizza delivery drivers scurrying across the city:

*'Imagine 10 pizza delivery drivers going around the city. Every time someone orders a pizza, all 10 drivers record the order in their notebooks at the same time. If one driver tries to cheat and change the order later, the other nine will immediately realize it because their notebooks don't match.'*

Pirates appear in the story when Claude describes how the blocks are connected. Each notebook page contains a secret code linked to the previous page. Claude compares this to a pirate captain stamping each page of a treasure log with a special seal depending on the previous entry.

That's an explanation clear enough that even a friend with no knowledge or interest in blockchain can understand it and might even be able to explain distributed ledgers.

## 2. The method of the retired professor



One of Claude's strengths is his ability to clarify complex topics using multi-layered explanations and comparisons. Economics, a field easily bogged down by jargon and statistics, is an ideal test case.

Ask Claude:

Hãy gi?i thích cách th?c ho?t ??ng c?a l?m phát v?i vai trò là m?t giáo s? kinh t? ?ã ngh? h?u ?ang gi?ng d?y cho m?t thi?u niên tò mò, h?c t?t nh? t b?ng cách s? d?ng các phép so sánh

Claude delivered a brief lecture, beginning with the story of a neighborhood bakery that gradually raised the price of bread as more and more people lined up outside each morning, instead of defining monetary policy.

*Imagine your favorite bakery used to sell a loaf of bread for \$2, but more and more people came in every day with money in their pockets. Eventually, the baker realized the bread was selling out too quickly, so the price was adjusted up to \$2.50. No magic happened to the bread itself. What changed was how many people were trying to buy it at the same time.*

Claude compares inflation to the slow rearrangement of value associated with bread and other local shops. Supermarket shelves become a way to explain purchasing power. A teenager's weekly allowance illustrates why fixed income can silently lose value during inflation. The answer sounds more like listening to a seasoned teacher than reading an economic report.

### 3. Future historians



Role-playing is one of the easiest ways to exploit Claude's storytelling abilities. Giving the model a point of view helps shape the tone and logic of the response, transforming an explanation into something akin to speculative nonfiction.

For example, let's ask Claude:

Hãy gi? v? b?n là m?t nhà s? h?c xu?t s?c t? n?m 2100 ??n th?m th?i hi?n t? i. Hãy gi?i thích s? tr?i d?y c?a m?ng xã h?i nh? th? ó là m?t n?n v? n mình c? ??i mà sinh viên t??ng lai nghiên c?u trong sách giáo khoa.

Claude delivered a lecture that resembled a futuristic anthropology course. The historian began by describing social media platforms as vast digital cities-nations.

*'To 22nd-century students, social networks in the early 2000s looked more like rival kingdoms vying for attention than websites. Each kingdom built walls, customs, and rituals designed to keep people coming back every day.'*

Claude portrays algorithms as the invisible officials of these digital societies and influencers as a class of merchants exchanging attention rather than goods. The work even profoundly depicts the social paradoxes of the era.

*'The inhabitants of this digital civilization are connected to millions of people at once,' Claude writes, 'but many historical records describe a surprising sense of loneliness among them.'*

### 4. Debating with Einstein



Claude excels at exploring diverse perspectives. Combined with his role-playing prompts, you can create seemingly impossible debates between deceased or even fictional characters.

Claude's request:

Viết một cuộc trò chuyện giữa Albert Einstein và Isaac Asimov ngai ?  
quán bar theo luận về trí tuệ nhân tạo.

Essentially, Claude wrote a short play between a pensive, somewhat skeptical Einstein and a more enthusiastic Asimov. The digital Einstein said:

*'A machine can calculate faster than any human mind, but calculation alone is not intelligence. Intelligence also requires imagination and extraordinary leaps of insight that cannot be reduced to formulas.'*

Asimov replied:

*"Perhaps so. But machines can become partners in discovery. Imagine artificial intelligence helping us test thousands of scientific ideas before breakfast."*

The exchange unfolded like a friendly battle of wits. Both even agreed that technology itself is rarely a real danger.

*"So perhaps our real challenge isn't building intelligent machines, but ensuring that human judgment becomes wiser alongside them,"* said Einstein AI.

## 5. Blockbuster Analysis



Structured reasoning and analysis are Claude's core strengths, providing some of the best and most organized answers.

Ask Claude:

Gi?i thích t?i sao Netflix thành công trong khi Blockbuster th?t b?  
i. Phân tích thành m?t danh sách các sai l?m chi?n l??c kèm theo gi?  
i thích.

Claude responded like a consultant preparing a brief for anxious executives:

*'Netflix views technology as central to its business operations. Blockbuster views technology as a side project tied to its retail chain.'*

Claude discussed issues related to timing, business model, company culture, and the stagnation of thousands of physical stores, making it difficult for Blockbuster to transition to streaming services without undermining its existing business.

None of the prompts used were overly complex upon closer analysis. But they all gave Claude a clear role, a creative framework, and a specific goal. That combination directly leveraged the model's strengths.

The difference between a generic question and a carefully crafted prompt can be enormous. Ask Claude a vague question, and you'll often get a safe, predictable answer. Give it a clear role, a creative framework, and a specific goal, and the answer can suddenly become profound, unexpected, and truly insightful.

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