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AI LITERACY · RESOURCE HANDOUT FOR LEADERSHIP

CHOOSING THE RIGHT AI ASSISTANT

A Practical Comparison for Everyday Work

*The right assistant for the task is the difference between a useful
answer and wasted time.*

A PRACTICAL COMPARISON FOR EVERYDAY WORK

The major assistants are more alike than different on basic tasks. They separate on ecosystem, reasoning depth, and how they handle your data. Pick for the work in front of you, not for the brand.

1 A Breakdown of the AI Assistants — A Side-by-Side Comparison

COMPARISON AREA	CHATGPT (OPENAI)	CLAUDE (ANTHROPIC)	GEMINI (GOOGLE)	COPILOT (MICROSOFT)
BEST KNOWN FOR	Range and familiarity. A capable generalist across most tasks.	Careful reasoning and long document work with a measured tone.	Search and Workspace integration with strong multimodal handling.	Working inside Microsoft 365 where the work already lives.
WHERE IT SHINES	Drafting, coding, brainstorming, and quick analysis.	Policy, contracts, research synthesis, and nuanced writing.	Live information, data pulled from Drive and Gmail, image and video input.	Word, Excel, Outlook, Teams, and meeting follow up.
WATCH FOR	Advanced capability often sits behind paid tiers.	Smaller third party ecosystem than the largest platforms.	Experience varies noticeably between model versions.	Value drops sharply outside the Microsoft environment.
IDEAL USE CASES	Content creation, tutoring, and general research.	Long form analysis, legal and policy review, strategic writing.	Real time research, multimodal tasks, Workspace workflows.	Document drafting, spreadsheet analysis, inbox and calendar work.
BEST FIT FOR	Generalists who want one flexible tool.	Analysts, writers, and regulated professions.	Teams already standardized on Google.	Enterprises already standardized on Microsoft.

2 How to Choose — Match the Tool to the Task

START WITH THE WORK
Name the three tasks you do most.

- › Writing, analysis, research, or coding.
- › Volume matters more than variety.
- › Pilot on the real work, not a demo.

THEN THE ECOSYSTEM
Where does your data already live?

- › Integration beats raw capability most days.
- › Fewer copy and paste steps means higher adoption.

THEN THE GUARDRAILS
Security and privacy are selection criteria.

- › Confirm data handling and retention terms.
- › Check administrative controls and audit logging.
- › Involve IT before the pilot, not after.

THEN THE PEOPLE
The best tool is the one your team will actually use.

- › Train on your workflows, not generic features.
- › Measure adoption, not licenses purchased.

THERE IS NO ONE BEST ASSISTANT

Most experienced users keep two. One for depth and long documents, one that lives inside their daily software. Capabilities change constantly. Verify current features and terms before you commit.

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