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AI Empowerment for Education (AI-Powered Accessibility)

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The Mountain is a Teacher

"One day, the mountain that is in front of you will be so far behind you, it will barely be visible in the distance. But the person you become in learning to get over it? That will stay with you forever. And that is the point of the mountain."

-Brianna Wiest

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Introductions(Kyle McDill)

- ECCC, JSU and MSU Graduate (Elementary ED/History/Geo[illegible]e)
- Former Middle School Geography Teacher (7 years in JPS), College Lecturer (MSU) Geosciences
- Project Manager, Digital Technologies Curriculum, MSU Research and Curriculum Unit (2 years)
- Background in Industry:
  - Upchurch Plumbing/Ivey Mechanical (Sheet Metal Mechanic)
  - Best Buy (Inventory Control, Order Management System(OMS), Functionality, & Immersive Customer Experiences)
- Appalachian Trail Thru-Hiker (2021)
  - 2200 miles

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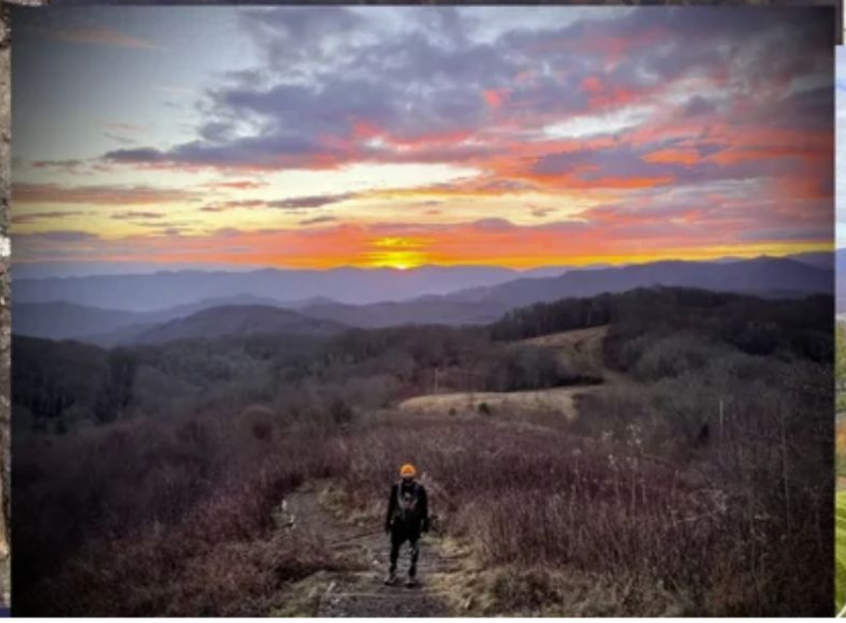

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Share your accomplishments!!!!!

Work with kids with special circumstances mostly troubled homes

My name is Melanie I am the new art teacher for central. I'm currently in college for elementary education. I have 6 kids and a bad dog. I also love hiking and traveling.

Mother, highest education in my family

Getting a bachelor. Being a mother. Helping children learn and grow.

I am father of two daughters who graduated from the same college my wife and I graduated from. Officaited state championship high school football game in state of ALABAMA

Being a mom

I'll start writing my dissertation in a month.

Survived 17 years of teaching and half of those were middle school.

I have two bachelor's degrees-- one in music and one in elementary education. I have travelled most of Europe and the United States. I was born on Walt Disney's birthday. It is my claim to fame.

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How are you using AI currently?

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Interactive Timeline

A Visual Timeline of Teaching Technology

1960s

Early Computer-Assisted Instruction (CAI)

1970s

Mainframe Computers and Educational Software

1980s

Personal Computers and Educational Software

1990s

Multimedia and the Internet

2000s

Web 2.0 and Social Media

2010s

Mobile Learning and BYOD

2020s

Artificial Intelligence and Personalized Learning

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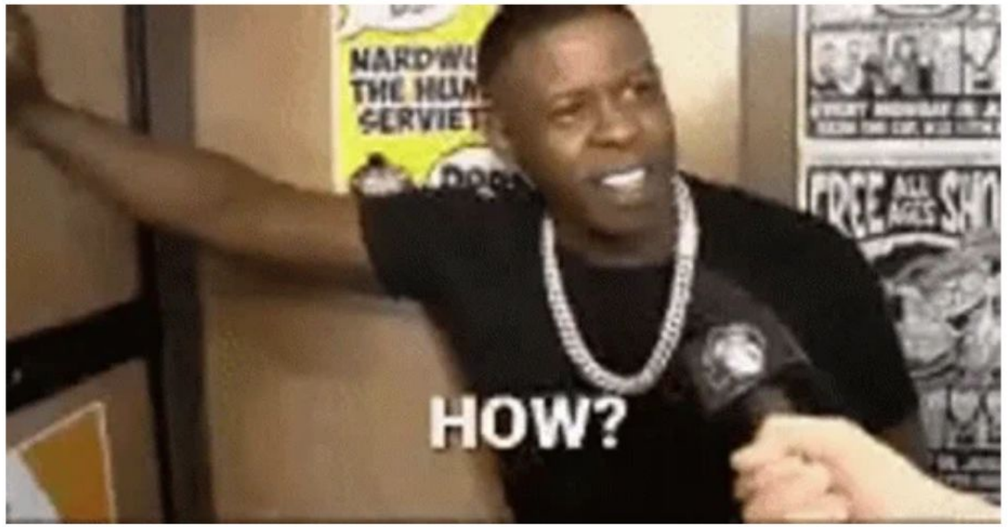
How did we get here????



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What Do We Mean by Accessibility?

- **It's the practice of ensuring every student can access, understand, and participate in learning.**
- In our metaphor: It's not about removing the 'mountain' (the challenge), but ensuring everyone has the tools and a clear path to climb it.
- **It means proactively addressing barriers related to:**
  - Vision & Hearing
  - Motor & Physical Skills
  - Language & Communication
  - Learning & Cognitive Differences

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Real-Time AI Supports
(On-the-fly tools for immediate access)

- **For Live Lessons & Presentations:**
  - **Live Captions:** Real-time captioning of spoken words during a lecture or presentation.

- **For Interacting with the Physical World:**
  - **Meta Glasses (AI as Interpreter):**
    - *Visual ID:* "What am I looking at?"
    - *Live Translation:* "Translate this sign for me."

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Where could real-time captions or visual descriptions help in your school?
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Personalized Learning with AI

- **Tool:** MagicSchool.ai
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- **Demo 1: Text Leveler**
  - Adapts one complex text for multiple reading levels in seconds.
- **Demo 2: Accommodation Generator**
  - Creates student-specific supports based on IEP goals.

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Who would benefit most from simplified, AI-leveled content?

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Live Demo-Universal Read-Aloud Tool

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Thinking back on everything we saw today, which category of AI tools are you most excited to explore?

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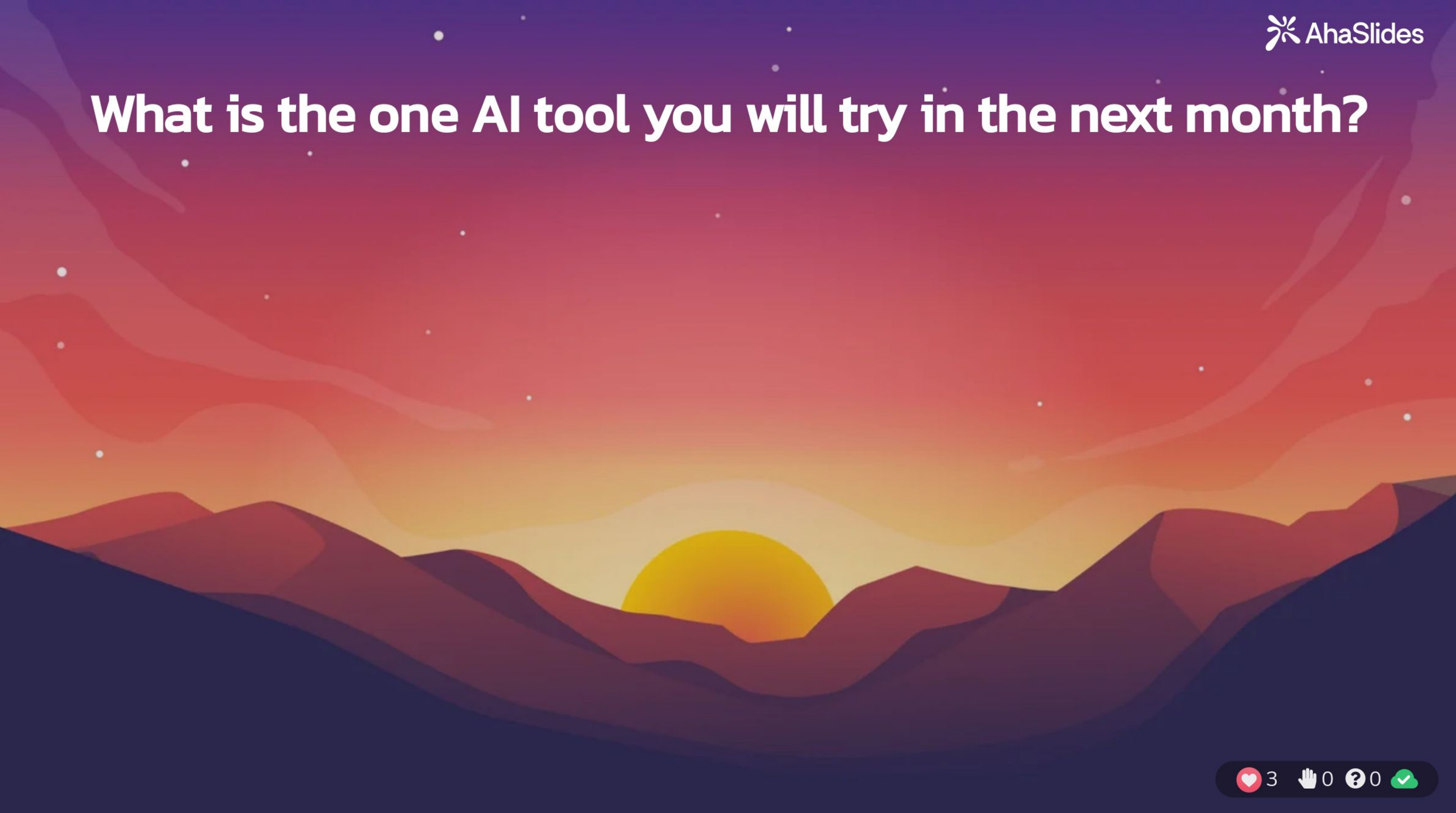
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What is the one AI tool you will try in the next month?
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