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AI Tools for Family History Writers

Lisa A. Alzo discusses new tools to boost writing productivity

SEVERAL YEARS AGO, I WROTE AN ARTICLE “FIVE HELPFUL TOOLS for Family History Writers,” *Internet Genealogy*, October/November 2018. While this current article is not intended as a retrospective, times have moved on with important advances along the way. This being the case, it’s an appropriate time to look at the latest tools that might be helpful to the aspiring and established family history writer alike.

My earlier article focused on the following tools:

- Grammarly <https://www.grammarly.com>
- Grammar Check <https://www.grammarcheck.net>
- Cliché Buster <https://storytoolz.com/cliche>
- Passive Voice Detector <https://datayze.com/passive-voice-detector>
- WriteorDie <https://writeordie.com>

All are good products, and you will find the latest versions to be just as useful as the originals. Not surprisingly, all the tools rely on working with content supplied (and presumed to have been written) by you the writer. Today, equally powerful (some would say, much more powerful) apps are available that have the potential to transform and enhance your writing experience.

By now, many of us have become familiar with AI (artificial intelligence) in the news and popular media. You can be sure that AI and machine learning are steadily advancing in all our lives, whether we are aware of their influence. The latest versions of Microsoft Word and Outlook use AI in their Microsoft Editor to check for errors and make writing suggestions, anticipating a continuation of your sentences. Adobe uses AI to enhance certain aspects of their Photoshop image editing tools. AI has already been mentioned in the pages of *Internet Genealogy*, and you can read about different types of advances in “AI, Genealogy and You: A Perfect Match?” *Internet Genealogy* August/September 2021, and AI art



The Research & Write screen of AI-Writer, <https://ai-writer.com>, shows a sample of starting a family history.