



The **Invisible Agent Method** treats generative AI as a collection of specialized, human-directed roles.

The writer remains responsible for deciding when to activate the agent, what information to provide, how to evaluate its output, and whether to use its recommendations.

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Human in the Loop (HitL)

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DIVIDE THE WORK

Don't prompt a lazy "Write my lit review." Instead, divide the work into smaller tasks. Each task may become an agent.

FOR EXAMPLE...

TASKS

- Find relevant themes
- Summarize an article
- Identify disagreements
- Critique evidence
- Suggest research questions

02

CHOOSE ONE ROLE

Agentic tasks might include summarizing articles, identifying disagreements, critiquing evidence, suggesting questions, or finding themes.

Theme Finder

You are serving as my Theme Finder. Your job is to identify patterns across research articles.

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DEFINE THE ROLE

In your prompt, describe the AI's role. Explain what the agent should NOT do and when to ask for human help.

Your only responsibility is to identify recurring themes across research summaries I provide. Do not evaluate whether themes are correct. Do not invent evidence. Do not write paragraphs for my paper. If there is not enough information to identify a pattern, tell me what additional info you need.

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ASSIGN A TASK

Provide the agent with any necessary information, and then send a specific task for the agent to perform.

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HUMAN CHECKPOINT

This is the most important step!
Only a human can decide whether the work is acceptable.



Agent + Limitation	Human Checkpoint
Summarizer Condenses; doesn't interpret	Check accuracy & omissions
Evidence Critic Flags weaknesses; doesn't validate	Evaluate the critique
Devil's Advocate Finds counter- arguments; doesn't judge	Assess relevance
Clarity Editor Improves wording; doesn't change ideas	Protect meaning & voice
Citation Checker Flags issues; doesn't verify sources	Confirm with originals

Always ask your professor before using AI for an assignment!