The AI Model Matchmaker Toolkit

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 GS 2: Objectives & Alignment Crafting measurable CLOs/MLOs Building course alignment maps 	Reasoning	ChatGPT 5 Thinking & o-3 Claude Opus 4.1 Extended Thinking Gemini 2.5 Pro
 GS 3: Assessment & Measurement Drafting logical grading policies Drafting detailed rubric descriptions 	Reasoning (alignment) Pre-training (for description)	ChatGPT 5 Thinking & o-3 (alignment) ChatGPT 5 Instant & 4o & 4.1 (rubric generation)
 GS 4: Materials Explaining material relevance Adapting content for variety 	Pre-training (for adaptation)	NotebookLM
 GS 5: Activities & Interaction Brainstorming creative activities Drafting interaction plans 	Reasoning (alignment)	ChatGPT 5 Thinking & o-3 Claude Opus 4.1 Extended Thinking Gemini 2.5 Pro
 GS 6: Technology Researching new/engaging tech tools Finding integration best practices 	Agentic	ChatGPT Deep Research/Agent Mode Claude Research Perplexity Deep Research Gemini Deep Research
 GS 8: Accessibility & Usability Generating alt-text & long-description Checking against Accessibility principles & standards 	Pre-training (alt-text) Agentic (realtime walkthrough)	Perplexity Comet Browser Google Al Studio "Stream realtime"

Blank Matchmaking Matrix (Your Action Plan)

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Prompting for Pre-Training vs. Reasoning & Agentic

Model Type	Optimal Tasks	Key Prompting Techniques
Pre-training	 Brainstorming ideas Summarizing/reformatting text Drafting initial content Generating creative variations, Explaining concepts based on learned patterns 	 Clear Role/Persona: Define the desired voice strongly to guide the Al's generative style effectively. (e.g., "Act as a supportive tutor"). Specify Format & Style: Be explicit about tone, audience, length, structure (bullets, table, etc.) to ensure the output meets your needs. Few-Shot Examples: Provide 1-3 examples of the desired input/output pattern to allow creative exploration with focusing. Iterative Refinement: Start broader, then refine the output with follow-up prompts.
Reasoning	 Complex decision-making tasks (e.g., analyzing complex relationships for alignment) Ambiguous tasks and "finding a needle in a haystack" Applying criteria Built-in Chain-of-thought Following intricate instructions Logical deduction or induction with unstructured information or large dataset Self-review and evaluation 	 Keep prompts simple and direct: With brief, clear instructions. Avoid chain-of-thought prompts: These models perform reasoning internally, prompting them to "think step by step" is unnecessary. Use delimiters for clarity: Section titles to clearly indicate distinct parts of the input, helping the model interpret different sections appropriately. Try zero shot first, then few shots if needed: Try to write prompts without examples first. If you have more complex requirements for your desired output, it may help to include a few examples of inputs and desired outputs in your prompt. Just ensure that the examples align very closely with your prompt instructions, as discrepancies between the two may produce poor results. Provide specific constraints: If there are ways you explicitly want to constrain the model's response, explicitly outline those constraints in the prompt. Be very specific about your end goal: Give very specific parameters for a successful response to encourage the model to keep reasoning and iterating until it matches your success criteria.
Agentic	Autonomous production	 Strong emphasis on tool use and potential iterative feedback. Clear boundary on what NOT to do.