

The Creator's Provenance Playbook

Use AI Without Losing Your Voice, Rights, or Audience Trust

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Define the Human Contribution

In plain terms

Authorship becomes clearer when intention, selection, arrangement, expression, and revision are documented. In a creative work moving from source to release, the practical question is **Which creative decisions must remain yours?** For writers, designers, educators, marketers, and independent creators using generative tools, the answer counts only when **Write a contribution map before using a generative tool** produces reviewable evidence for **material human decisions recorded** without normalizing **equating prompt volume with authorship**.

Chapter contract

DECIDE

Which creative decisions must remain yours?

BUILD

Write a contribution map before using a generative tool.

MEASURE

material human decisions recorded

STOP OR REDESIGN WHEN

equating prompt volume with authorship

The decision at stake

For **Define the Human Contribution**, the creator or designated rights owner must decide **which creative decisions must remain yours?** before the creative work crosses from discussion into consequence for creators, contributors, rights holders, and audiences. The minimum decision record is the artifact **Write a contribution map before using a generative tool**, the observable **material human decisions recorded**, and the explicit hold condition **equating prompt volume with authorship**. If any Chapter 1 field is missing, the safe default is to hold publication and preserve the last verified provenance record.

The bounded **Define the Human Contribution** decision advances the book's promise to build an AI-assisted creative workflow in which sources, human contribution, permissions, revisions, and disclosure remain visible. It does not endorse a product or predetermine the Chapter 1 answer; it creates a record that another person can challenge at every material transformation,

rights decision, and release.

Working model

Read the **Define the Human Contribution** model as four linked fields. **Outcome:** Authorship becomes clearer when intention, selection, arrangement, expression, and revision are documented. **Boundary:** the design must make **equating prompt volume with authorship** visible rather than convenient. **Evidence:** interpret **material human decisions recorded** together with review effort and excluded cases. **Authority:** the creator or designated rights owner may continue, narrow, escalate, or stop the creative work. For **Define the Human Contribution**, Reference [1] from U.S. Copyright Office, *Copyright and Artificial Intelligence*, informs a Chapter 1 boundary; it is not evidence that the local method or illustrative target will work.

See the chapter in practice

The **define the human contribution in practice** maps *Creator's Provenance Playbook* Chapter 1 into a field scene before its abstract models begin. In one frame, it holds the question **Which creative decisions must remain yours?**, the artifact **Write a contribution map before using a generative tool.**, the proof signal **material human decisions recorded**, and the warning **equating prompt volume with authorship**.

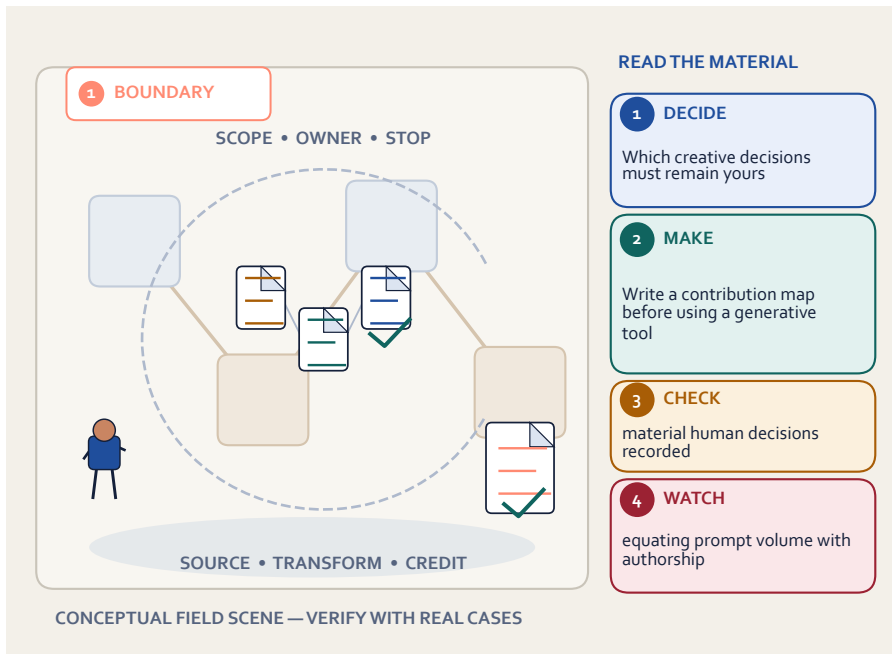


Figure 1.1: Chapter 1 field scene for Define the Human Contribution: a boundary view in the book’s provenance setting.

Read the scene: For Creator’s Provenance Playbook, Chapter 1, begin with the central provenance scene and scan DECIDE, MAKE, CHECK, and WATCH. Treat the Define the Human Contribution scene as conceptual, then use its cases and evidence records to test whether material human decisions recorded actually improves. For **Define the Human Contribution**, this explanatory plate is a reasoning prompt—not observed evidence or a universal operating prescription.

Visual field note — Define the Human Contribution:

1. **Locate the tension.** In this composite situation, A writer keeps the argument and examples human while using AI to test alternate structures.
2. **Name the choice.** Answer the chapter question: **Which creative decisions must remain yours?**
3. **Produce the record.** Use **Write a contribution map before using a generative tool.**, then retain the creator, assumptions, and case evidence needed to review it.
4. **Test and return.** Track **material human decisions recorded.** If **equating prompt volume with authorship**, return to DECIDE and revise the rights boundary instead of explaining the warning away.

Chapter-specific operating protocol

Phase	Reader action	Evidence retained	Hold condition
1. Define	Write the exact decision behind Which creative decisions must remain yours? .	Chapter 1 owner, input, output, exception, and timestamp.	Hold Define the Human Contribution if its record cannot be reconstructed.
2. Contrast	Apply Write a contribution map before using a generative tool to one ordinary case.	Chapter 1 owner, input, output, exception, and timestamp.	Hold Define the Human Contribution if its record cannot be reconstructed.
3. Exclude	Run the same artifact against a countercase shaped by equating prompt volume with authorship .	Chapter 1 owner, input, output, exception, and timestamp.	Hold Define the Human Contribution if its record cannot be reconstructed.
4. Assign	Name the creator or designated rights owner as the person who may continue, narrow, or stop.	Chapter 1 owner, input, output, exception, and timestamp.	Hold Define the Human Contribution if its record cannot be reconstructed.
5. Challenge	Record material human decisions recorded and the review effort for the same case.	Chapter 1 owner, input, output, exception, and timestamp.	Hold Define the Human Contribution if its record cannot be reconstructed.

Phase	Reader action	Evidence retained	Hold condition
6. Publish	Release the Define the Human Contribution artifact only when its evidence answers this chapter’s question.	Chapter 1 owner, input, output, exception, and timestamp.	Hold Define the Human Contribution if its record cannot be reconstructed.

This sequence is specific to **Define the Human Contribution**. For that Chapter 1 decision, it is not permission to automate; it is a way for writers, designers, educators, marketers, and independent creators using generative tools to make the reasoning inspectable at every material transformation, rights decision, and release.

Write a contribution map before using a generative tool. This is the chapter’s core production artifact. The **Define the Human Contribution** artifact should fit on one page, use ordinary language, and be reviewed by someone who did not design it. A compact artifact exposes disagreements that a long narrative can conceal.

The chapter’s visual tool is the **chapter contract**. For **Define the Human Contribution**, it translates explanation into an inspectable decision aid: the reader can see the decision, artifact, evidence, and exact condition that pauses the creative work.

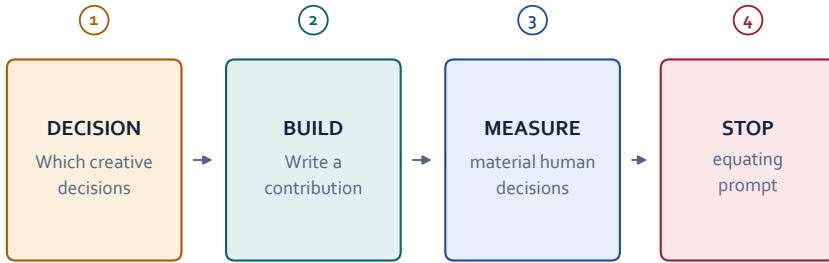


Figure 1.2: Chapter contract connecting the decision, artifact, measure, and stop condition for Define the Human Contribution.

How to use this page: Move across the four Define the Human Contribution cards; compare the decision with material human decisions recorded and stop before equating prompt volume with authorship. The chapter-specific measure is **material human decisions recorded**; the principal warning is **equating prompt volume with authorship**.

Operating workflow

The **define the human contribution workflow** makes the chapter executable. For **Define the Human Contribution**, the five stages carry **Write a contribution map before using a generative tool.** from the question **Which creative decisions must remain yours?** to a test against **material human decisions recorded**, with **equating prompt volume with authorship** as an explicit return or stop signal.

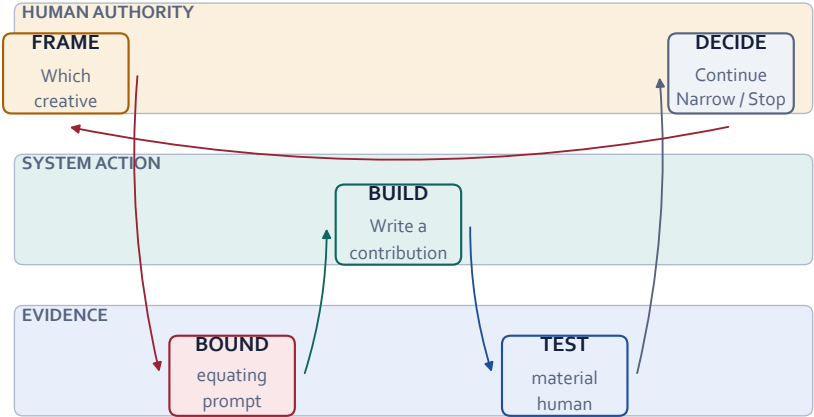


Figure 1.3: Five-stage workflow for chapter 1, Define the Human Contribution: frame the decision, set the rights boundary, build Write a contribution map before using a generative tool., test against material human decisions recorded, then continue, narrow, or stop before equating prompt volume with authorship.

Read the workflow: Move from FRAME to DECIDE for Define the Human Contribution. The lower return path is mandatory when evidence is missing or the stop signal—equating prompt volume with authorship—appears. For **Define the Human Contribution**, record the creator and evidence at every handoff; an arrow is not evidence that the preceding stage passed.

Evidence and control graph

The **define the human contribution — evidence network** shows the relationships that must remain inspectable when the workflow runs. In *Creator’s Provenance Playbook*, this qualitative graph asks the reader to record observed evidence for **material human decisions recorded** and route **equating prompt volume with authorship** to recovery instead of treating sample numbers as facts.

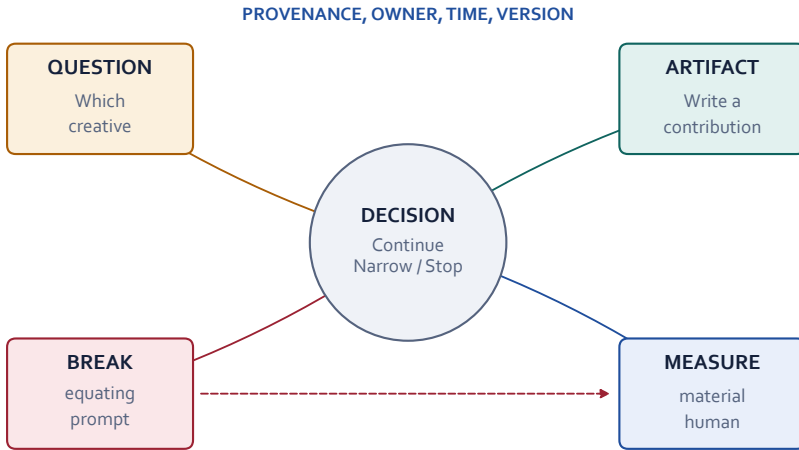


Figure 1.4: Qualitative evidence network for chapter 1, Define the Human Contribution, linking the question to Write a contribution map before using a generative tool., the measure material human decisions recorded, and the recovery condition equating prompt volume with authorship without invented empirical values.

Read the graph: Trace the evidence for Define the Human Contribution toward the decision. For Define the Human Contribution, empty or weak evidence does not count as zero risk; it routes the creative work to verification, escalation, or stop. Use this **Define the Human Contribution** graph beside **Write a contribution map before using a generative tool**, not as a substitute for recorded cases.

Worked composite case file — illustrative, not empirical evidence

This **Define the Human Contribution** record turns the scenario into an inspectable rehearsal in a creative work moving from source to release. Its numbers are worksheet examples for Chapter 1, not observed results or a prediction of benefit.

Record field	Filled illustrative entry
Situation	A writer keeps the argument and examples human while using AI to test alternate structures.
People affected	creators, contributors, rights holders, and audiences
Decision	Which creative decisions must remain yours?
Artifact excerpt	Write a contribution map before using a generative tool.
Accountable authority	The creator or designated rights owner.
Measure and unit	material human decisions recorded — one dated observation for each eligible case.
Example baseline	7 observations in the baseline window.
Example target / decision rule	a documented improvement plus no severe unresolved exception; move only contextual; the creator must define better before collection.
Named exception	equating prompt volume with authorship.
Safe default	Hold publication and preserve the last verified provenance record.

Scenario trace

1. **Preserve the starting state.** For **Define the Human Contribution**, record the original request, governing rule, available evidence, and the last safe result before changing anything.
2. **Make the chapter decision.** Answer **Which creative decisions must remain yours?** and record the Chapter 1 assumption that carries the most consequence for creators, contributors, rights holders, and audiences.
3. **Use the artifact.** Complete **Write a contribution map before using a generative tool** with a normal case and a countercase; in this chapter, do not infer missing facts merely to finish the form.
4. **Observe the decision rule.** Review **material human decisions recorded** at every material transformation, rights decision, and release; the **Define the Human Contribution** record reports exclusions and review effort beside the headline value.

5. **Contain and recover.** If **equating prompt volume with authorship**, hold publication and preserve the last verified provenance record. Preserve the Chapter 1 failed case, assign a deadline, and require the creator or designated rights owner to authorize any restart.

Artifact handoff

Start **Define the Human Contribution** from the book-level thesis and boundary. Within *Creator's Provenance Playbook*, attach the current artifact and exception record, then hand both to Chapter 2, **Build a Voice Baseline**, which asks: What makes your work recognizably yours beyond surface style?. That recipient may revise the **Define the Human Contribution** assumption, but must preserve the evidence that made this book's earlier decision reasonable.

Evidence application

Reference [1], U.S. Copyright Office, *Copyright and Artificial Intelligence*, provides a relevant boundary or design input for **Define the Human Contribution**. It does **not** prove that the Chapter 1 worked values, local method, or target will succeed. The **Define the Human Contribution** reviewer must link this book's exact claim to the exact source passage and leave unsupported synthesis marked UNVERIFIED.

Transfer test

- Re-run **Write a contribution map before using a generative tool** with one routine Chapter 1 case that should pass.
- Re-run the **Define the Human Contribution** artifact with missing evidence and keep the safe default active.
- Re-run it where **equating prompt volume with authorship** appears plausible but not certain.
- Ask a reviewer who did not design this chapter's method to decide whether the retained record supports continuing, narrowing, escalating, or stopping.

Measurement and recovery decision

For **Define the Human Contribution**, define **material human decisions recorded** as one dated observation for each eligible case. In this **Define the Human Contribution** worksheet, the Chapter 1 worked baseline is 7 observations in the baseline window and the illustrative target is a documented improvement plus no severe unresolved exception; both must be replaced with evidence from a creative work moving from source to release.

Review the Chapter 1 result at every material transformation, rights decision, and release, preserve excluded and high-consequence cases, and interpret movement as better only when it is contextual; the creator must define better before collection.

The named failure is **equating prompt volume with authorship**. Containment means: hold publication and preserve the last verified provenance record. Recovery is complete only after the creator or designated rights owner can reconstruct the failed case, explain which assumption changed, and authorize a new test against **material human decisions recorded**.

Practice lab

Choose one live but reversible **Define the Human Contribution** example from a creative work moving from source to release. Create the following:

- a one-sentence answer to **Which creative decisions must remain yours?**;
- a completed first draft of **Write a contribution map before using a generative tool**;
- one routine case, one missing-evidence case, and one case shaped by **equating prompt volume with authorship**;
- a locally measured baseline for **material human decisions recorded** using the unit one dated observation for each eligible case;
- a stop threshold, the creator or designated rights owner as owner, and the safe default hold publication and preserve the last verified provenance record;
- provenance evidence packet that will be handed to the next chapter.

Ask a colleague to challenge **Write a contribution map before using a generative tool**. They should identify one ambiguous field, one person among creators, contributors, rights holders, and audiences whose interests are missing, and one reason **material human decisions recorded** could reward the wrong behavior. Preserve that challenge in the chapter handoff before revising.

Limits and judgment

Define the Human Contribution supplies a locally testable method, not proof of causal effectiveness or a universal rule. This Chapter 1 method remains inside the book boundary: This book is general educational information, not legal advice, and copyright, contract, platform, and disclosure requirements vary by jurisdiction and service. Readers applying **Define the Human Contribution** for creators, contributors, rights holders, and audiences must verify current law, contract, policy,

safeguarding, accessibility, security, and professional duties before consequential use. A negative **material human decisions recorded** result may mean the question was framed badly, the review cost is too high, or hold publication and preserve the last verified provenance record is the responsible decision.

Takeaways

- Authorship becomes clearer when intention, selection, arrangement, expression, and revision are documented.
- The chapter artifact is: write a contribution map before using a generative tool.
- The primary measure is **material human decisions recorded**, paired with review cost and failure severity.
- Watch especially for **equating prompt volume with authorship**.
- In a creative work moving from source to release, expand scope only after the creator or designated rights owner can show the evidence and exercise the recovery path.

Reflection

What evidence would let a skeptical reviewer answer **Which creative decisions must remain yours?** differently from the creator or designated rights owner? Which case involving creators, contributors, rights holders, and audiences would **material human decisions recorded** miss, and would that omission require continuing, narrowing, escalating, or hold publication and preserve the last verified provenance record?