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1. The process begins with a one-page proposal to JRRE editors outlining a vision and potential contributions for the special issue. The editors will communicate a decision about the special issue within 3-4 weeks.
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