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The Library of Michigan and MCLS work together to bring relevant, timely, and accessible MeL Databases training to all Michigan library staff and teachers. The focus is to meet the needs in real time, and through MeL provide libraries with the tools and training to better serve and educate their communities; thereby strengthening our libraries and state. MCLS serves as a training provider to increase awareness and use of MeL

On demand copies of our previous webinars can be found at <https://www.mcls.org/mel/mel-training-events/>
That link will be provided again at the end of the webinar.

A PDF version of the slides in this webinar, and an additional guide to the resources in the related MeL portal, are available for downloading now at the bottom right of your screen.



Test Prep for Students - Presenter

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Where can
we find
online test
prep material
in MeL?

The screenshot shows the Michigan eLibrary website. At the top, the 'meL' logo is on the left, and 'Michigan eLibrary' is in the center. On the right, there's a 'MICHIGAN.GOV' logo with the text 'Michigan's Official Website'. Below the header is a navigation bar with links: 'MeLCat', 'Databases', 'Kids', 'Teens', 'Teachers', 'About', and 'Help'. The 'Databases', 'Kids', 'Teens', and 'Teachers' links are circled in red. On the left sidebar, under 'FOR MICHIGAN RESIDENTS', the 'Practice Tests' link is circled in red. Below it is 'Magazines & Newspapers'. Under 'FOR LIBRARIES', there are 'MeL Minute' and 'Promotion & Training' links. The main content area features a 'WE'VE REDESIGNED!' announcement with a megaphone icon, stating to search articles and eResources on the 'Databases' page. Below this is a search bar with the placeholder text 'SEARCH MELCAT' and '...for books, audio, music, and more!'. At the bottom of the search bar are links for 'MyMeLCat', 'Participating Libraries', and 'Classic MeLCat'. A video player is embedded, showing a man in a green shirt, with the title 'MeLCat Staff' and a description: 'Hear from MeLCat staff at libraries all around the state.' and a note to 'Tune in in March to hear about some of the MeL databases for adults.'

MICHIGAN eLIBRARY
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MeLCat Databases Kids Teens Teachers About Help

FOR MICHIGAN RESIDENTS

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Search Articles & eResources on the [Databases](#) page.

SEARCH MELCAT ...for books, audio, music, and more!

MyMeLCat Participating Libraries Classic MeLCat

MeLCat Staff

Hear from MeLCat staff at libraries all around the state.

► Tune in in March to hear about some of the MeL databases for adults.



Use [Storytime](#) and [Games & Activities](#) to help build reading skills!



- Use [Reading Zone](#) to help build reading skills!
- Use the extra resources found in [Homework Help](#) to build additional skills

MeL TEENS

Life moves fast! Between school, sports, work, and socializing there's not much time left for researching information. Luckily, we have done the research for you. Quickly locate homework help, good reads, college information, and other issues that impact your life.

SEARCH 
Articles & eResources



HOMework HELP
Bring the teacher home with you. Select tutorials and reliable research resources to help complete your homework assignments.

LIFE HAPPENS
Life is confusing, sometimes you just need advice. Locate reliable resources on personal issues and career planning.

READING ZONE
Take your reading with you. Select full length eBooks, comics, zines, and audio books. Read anywhere.

COLLEGE BOUND
Select, prepare and pay for college. Locate the best pre-planning college guides, practice exams, and scholarships here.

HomeworkHelp

Bring the teacher home with you. Select tutorials and reliable research resources to help complete your homework assignments.



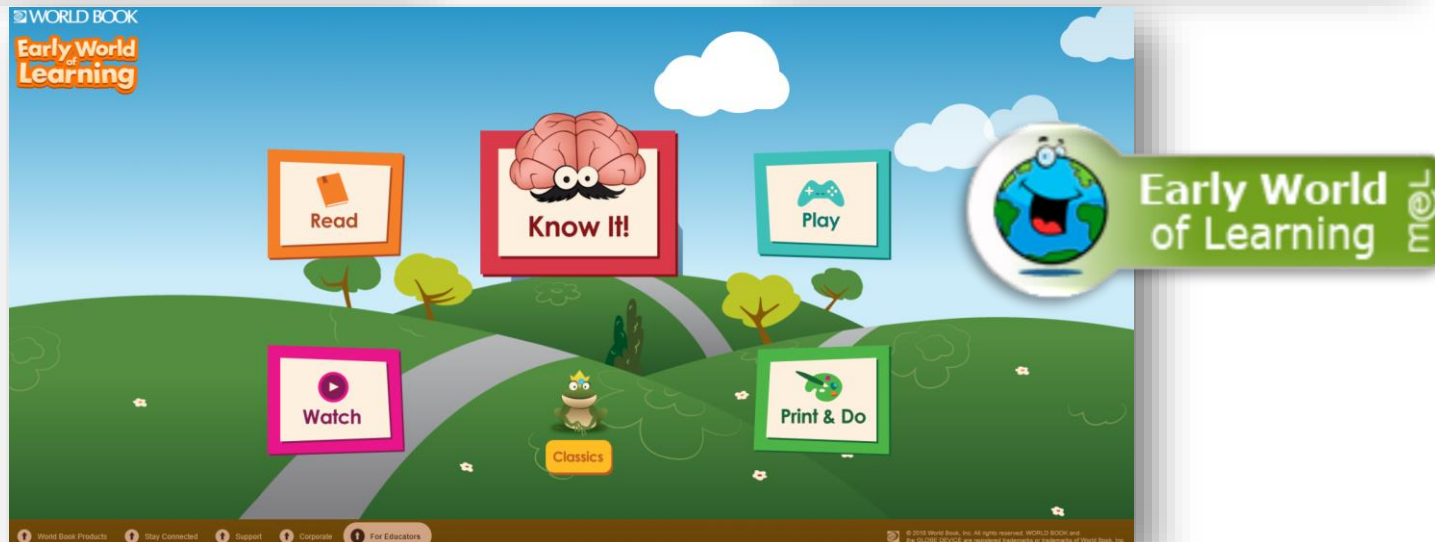
[English](#) [Math](#) [Science](#) [Social Studies/History](#)

Database Tips to Prep for Testing

- ✓ Use **listen feature/read aloud** to build **listening skills**
- ✓ Use **highlighting/notes tool** in Gale databases to aid **vocabulary and reading comprehension**
- ✓ Use **database articles** *often* to build **informational text skills**



Databases to Build Early Literacy (PreK to 3rd grades)



Using [eBooks](#) to Prep for Testing

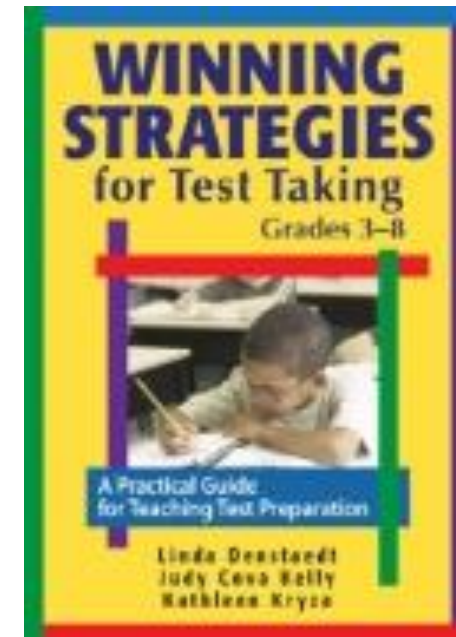
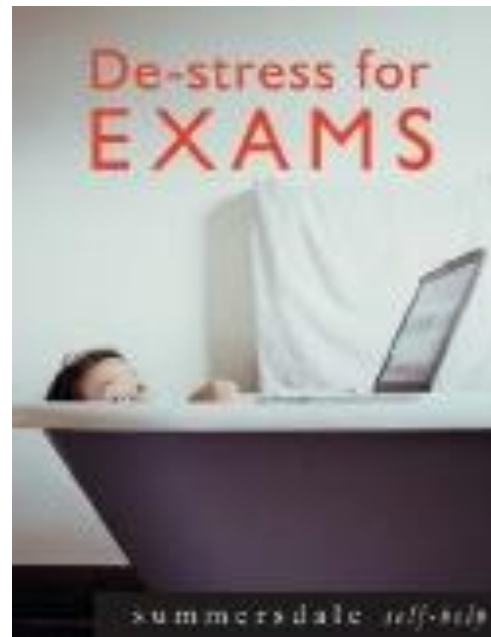
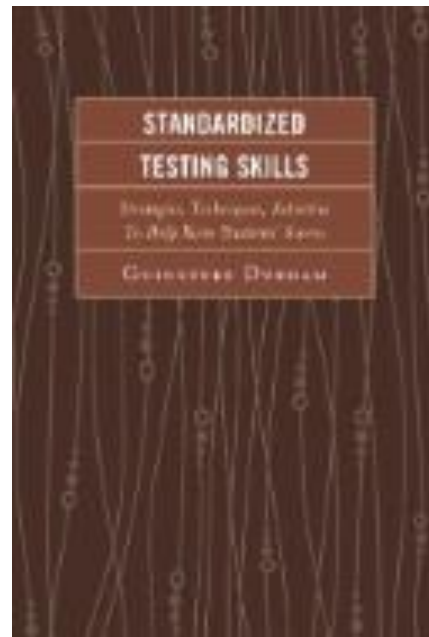
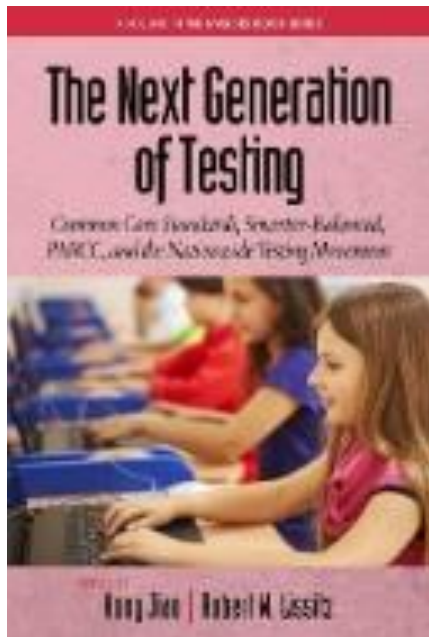


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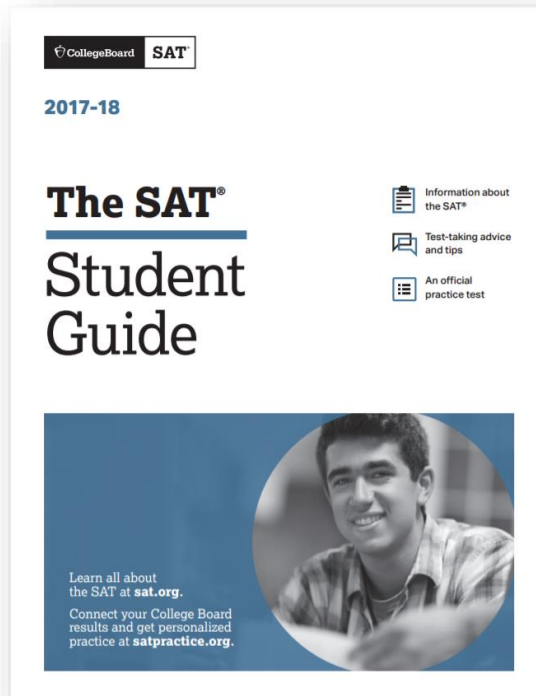
Test Prep
Test Anxiety
Testing
Test Scores
Test Taking

Testing and Assessment
Testing in Schools
Testing in Education
Testing Effect
Testing Methods

Testing Accommodations
Testing Bias
Test Scores
Test Taking
Skills Assessment



The SAT® Essay...what is the focus?



What the SAT Essay Is Like

The SAT Essay asks you to use your reading, analysis, and writing skills. You'll be asked to:

- Read a passage.
- Explain how the author builds an argument to persuade an audience.
- Support your explanation with evidence from the passage.

What the SAT Essay Measures

The SAT Essay shows how well you understand the passage and use it as the basis for a well-written, well-thought-out response. Your essay will be scored on three dimensions, each on a 2–8 scale:

Reading: A successful essay shows that you understood the passage, including the interplay of central ideas and important details. It also shows effective use of textual evidence.

Analysis: A successful essay shows your understanding of how the author builds an argument by:

- Examining the author's use of evidence, reasoning, and/or stylistic and persuasive techniques (or other elements of your choosing)
- Supporting your claims and points effectively
- Focusing on those features of the passage that are most relevant for completing the task

Writing: A successful essay is cohesive, organized, and precise, uses an appropriate style and tone, has varied sentences, and observes the conventions of standard written English.

Using Opposing Viewpoints to Prep for Testing



"Supreme Court Gay Rights Rulings in Washington, D.C." UPI Photo Collection, 2016.

Opposing Viewpoints In Context



Excellent argument examples!



This cross-curricular product covers today's hottest social issues and supports science, social studies, current events, and language arts classes. Informed, differing views help learners develop critical thinking skills and draw their own conclusions. **More than 20,000 pro/con viewpoints and 19,000+ reference articles are included,** making it a rich resource for debaters.

[Opposing Viewpoints in Context On-Demand Training Videos](#)

What practice tests are available in MeL?



College Preparation

- ACT
- SAT
- AP
 - Biology
 - Calculus AB
 - Chemistry
 - English Language and Composition
 - English Literature
 - European History
 - Psychology
 - U.S. Government
 - U.S. History
 - Statistics
- PSAT/NMSQT
- TOEFL iBT
- THEA

College Students

- Grad School Admission Exams Practice tests
 - GMAT
 - GRE
 - LSAT
 - MAT
 - MCAT
 - PCAT
- College Placement Exams Practice tests
 - ACCUPLACER
 - ASSET
 - COMPASS
- CLEP Practice Exam

Careers

- Entrance Exam for Allied Health, Nursing
- Occupational Exams
 - Allied Health
 - Air Traffic Controller
 - Civil Service
 - Commercial Driver's License
 - Cosmetology
 - Culinary Arts
 - Electrical
 - EMS
 - Firefighting
 - Homeland Security
 - Law Enforcement
 - Postal Worker
 - Nursing
 - Real Estate
 - Plumbing
 - Teaching
- Military Exams
 - ASVAB
 - Military Flight Aptitude
 - Officer Candidate
 - CFAT
- WorkKeys and TOEIC



About LearningExpress Library



The screenshot shows the LearningExpress Library website. At the top is the Michigan eLibrary logo and the text 'Michigan eLibrary'. To the right is the LearningExpress logo with 'An EBSCO Company' text. Below this is a navigation bar with links: Home, Sign In/Register, Contact Us, and Help. The main heading reads 'Welcome to LearningExpress Library'. Below the heading is a search bar with the placeholder text 'Find Tests, Tutorials, eBooks...' and a magnifying glass icon. The page features a grid of seven resource cards, each with an image, a title, and a brief description.

Resource Category	Description
Career Preparation	Make your work goals a reality—start a new career or advance in your current field.
High School Equivalency Center	Guided support and preparation to help you earn a high school equivalency credential.
College Admissions Test Preparation	Prepare for important exams like the ACT®, SAT®, AP® Tests, and more.
School Center	Skill-building resources for classroom and homework success.
College Students	Achieve your undergrad goals and prepare for future success.
Adult Core Skills	Achieve your personal education and career goals.
Recursos Para Hispanohablantes	Herramientas de aprendizaje, carrera y ciudadanía en español

Features that enhance learning

- Easy-to-use navigation
- Timed and untimed practice test modes
- Instant test scoring
- Detailed answer explanations
- Individualized study plans
- Built-in guidance pages & learning roadmaps
- Secure personal portfolio
- Downloadable eBooks

-  Practice Tests and Skill Builders
-  Interactive Tutorials
-  eBooks and Articles

LearningExpress Library Centers



1. Adult Core Skills

Adult Core Skills center helps adults achieve their personal, education and career goals by offering resources to help them *improve their basic skills in reading, writing, and math*, and prepare for the U.S. citizenship exam.



2. Career Preparation

Are you preparing for a professional exam? Are you curious about a particular occupation or looking to improve your workplace skills? Choose the Career Center and begin your path to a bright future.



3. High School Equivalency Center

Earning a high school equivalency credential can open the door to better income, a more fulfilling job, and a college education. If you are preparing for the GED® test, HiSET® or TASC exams, our practice tests, interactive tutorials, and eBooks will help you reach your goal.



4. Recursos en Español (Resources in Spanish)

This center provides learning tools as well as career and citizenship resources to help busy adults improve their basic skills, earn a GED® credential, or become a U.S. citizen.

LearningExpress Library Centers



5. School Center

The resources here provide **skill**-building for classroom and homework success. The school center helps students in elementary, middle, and high school prepare for important tests, get extra help with assignments, and boost their skills in important subjects.

4th grade +



6. College Admissions Test Preparation

Getting into college is an important step to **building** a strong future. First, you must do well on your college admission tests and write a personal essay that highlights your special talents. Use this center to get the resources you need to achieve your college preparation goals.

SAT, ACT,
AP Exams



7. College Students

This center provides valuable resources that help college students strengthen their academic skills, prepare for placement tests, and get ready for graduate school entrance exams.

Additional Resources



- ✓ **LearningExpress Library video tutorial** can be found on the "Help" tab within the database.
- ✓ **From Britannica:** [Visual Learning Strategies](#) - a one-hour webinar exploring how to develop students' visual literacy skills through images, maps, timelines, diagrams, and other graphical items.
- ✓ **Khan Academy:** <https://www.khanacademy.org/>
 - [SAT Tips and Strategies](#)
 - [Math by Subject](#)
 - [Math by Grade](#)
 - [Science and Engineering](#)
 - [Arts & Humanities](#)
 - [Economics & Finance](#)
 - [College, Careers, and More](#)



Thank you!

Questions?

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Additional questions/comments about MeL can be directed to BiggsD@michigan.gov or CSchneider.mel@gmail.com
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<https://goo.gl/forms/CSEmOot7waon9eUa2>

