

# Using a Database to Find Quality Articles

1. Navigate to the Tennessee Electronic Library (tnel.info).
2. Click on the Homework Help button.
3. You will see a list of various databases.
4. The “Oposing Viewpoints” database is especially useful for controversial or debatable issues. The “High School” database also provides a wealth of information.
5. You can search for your topic in the Search Box. You can also refine or narrow your search using the Advanced Search functions. After your initial search, you can also browse through various types of sources and use the “Filter Your Results” buttons to refine your search further. The “Start the Topic Finder” button can also generate new ideas and help you find articles. Once you find a helpful article, check out the “Explore” box on the right side of the screen in the article to find similar or related articles.
6. If you decide to use information from an article, use the “Cite” button at the top to select and copy the MLA citation.



The screenshot shows the Tennessee Electronic Library (tnel.info) homepage. The navigation bar includes Home, About, All Resources, Students, General Public, Educators, Library Staff, and New. The main content area features several resource categories: homework help (circled in red), test prep, career tools, and genealogy. Below these are articles about TEL and a TEL Feedback link. A large banner for Gale in Context Oposing Viewpoints is visible, with a search bar and an Advanced Search link. Below the banner, a search for 'education and depression' is shown, with filters for All Content Types (Viewpoints: 10, Reference: 32, Biographies: 8, Primary Sources: 1, Images: 3, Videos: 18, Audio: 3, News: 843, Academic Journals: 418, Websites: 6, Magazines: 229). A 'Filter Your Results' section allows filtering by Date, Publication Title, Content Level, Subjects, Newspaper Sections, and Lexile Measure. A 'Topic Finder' section is also present. The article view for 'For university students, COVID-19 stress creates perfect conditions for mental health crises' is shown, with a 'Start the Topic Finder' button (circled in red). At the bottom of the article, there are buttons for Cite, Send to..., Download, Print, Get Link, and Highlights and Note (circled in red).