

# 7 Things That Are Less Fun Than Taking the SAT

## 1. Working in an early-1900s slaughterhouse

Taken from Shmoop

1. Seriously, even a summary of the details is enough to make you squeamish.

## 2. Digging holes all day, every day

1. We're exhausted just reading about it

## 3. Reading *Clarissa* from beginning to end

1. It might be worth it in the end, but in one sitting?

## 4. Solving $274939247 \div 359809$ by hand

1. No, really—without a calculator?

## 5. Hearing the dentist say, "Oops!"

1. Ouch.

## 6. Having a day as bad as Alexander's

1. Gum in your hair, a cavity, and nothing good on TV?

## 7. Finding out that your wife is actually your mother

1. Oof. At least he didn't kill his dad or something, too...oh wait.

**John Marshall High  
School**

**SAT Day: April 15, 2015**

# What is the SAT ?

- ◆ SAT - Scholastic Aptitude Test
- ◆ A college admission test
- ◆ Taken by more than two million students every year
- ◆ Is accepted by virtually all colleges and universities.



**Why should I take the SAT?**

# It's more than just a test

- ◆ You can:
  - ◆ Earn a scholarship
  - ◆ Earn exemption from certain college courses
  - ◆ Learn more about your academic strengths.



# What does the SAT test?

- ◆ Your strength in:
  - ◆ **Reading** - includes reading passages and sentence completions.
  - ◆ **Writing** - includes a short essay and multiple-choice questions on identifying errors and improving grammar and usage.
  - ◆ **Math** - includes questions on arithmetic operations, algebra, geometry, statistics and probability.

# How important is the SAT in college admission?

- ◆ The SAT is just one factor among many that colleges use to get to know you better.
- ◆ It's part of an admission process:
  - ◆ high school academics – was it rigorous
  - ◆ extracurricular activities
  - ◆ community Service activities
  - ◆ recommendations
  - ◆ personal essay
  - ◆ other factors.
- ◆ Every college and university uses a different combination of criteria for admission, but many will count a high SAT over a low GPA.

# How is the SAT scored?

- ◆ Each section of your SAT (critical reading, mathematics and writing) will be scored on a 200 to 800 point scale, for a possible total of 2400.
- ◆ Two steps happen before you see a final score.
  - ◆ First, your raw score is figured by:
    - ◆ Adding points for correct answers.
    - ◆ Subtracting a fraction of a point for wrong answers.
- ◆ ***Questions that you skipped don't count either for or against your score***

# How much time will I have to take the SAT?

- ◆ The SAT is made up of 10 sections:
- ◆ A 25-minute essay
- ◆ **Six 25-minute** sections (mathematics, critical reading or writing)
- ◆ **Two 20-minute** sections (mathematics, critical reading or writing)
- ◆ A **10-minute multiple-choice** writing section
- ◆ **Total test time:** 3 hours and 45 minutes
- ◆ *You'll also get short breaks during the testing, so don't forget to bring a snack!*

# How many times should I take the SAT?

- ◆ Students may take the SAT as many times as they like
  - ◆ Check your school for testing scores
    - ◆ Some superscore
- ◆ Students should consider taking it at least two times.
- ◆ Make sure you are done testing before November of your Senior year

# Tell me again other items Colleges look at?

- ◆ GPA
- ◆ Type of Academics
- ◆ Community Involvement
- ◆ Involvement in Extra-Curricular Activities
- ◆ 1<sup>st</sup> Generation College Students
- ◆ STAAR Commendations

# How do I take the SAT?

- ◆ Collegeboard charges \$52.50 for the SAT.
- ◆ It is scheduled for a Saturday from 8-1:30
- ◆ It is scheduled at high schools throughout San Antonio
- ◆ This year the District is paying for all Juniors
- ◆ This year Collegeboard is allowing us to test on a weekday at the Marshall Campus

# How can I do my best on the SAT?

- ◆ Get a good night sleep
- ◆ Stay away from sugar
- ◆ Believe in yourself
- ◆ Give it all you got
- ◆ Celebrate your effort

# How do I Prepare for the SAT?

- ◆ Become familiar and comfortable with the test format and question types
- ◆ Free Study Guides:
  - ◆ online or printable practice test & sample questions
  - ◆ <http://sat.collegeboard.org/practice/sat-practice-questions>
- ◆ PSAT
  - ◆ Score Report Plus
  - ◆ My College Quickstart
  - ◆ MyRoad

# Score Report Plus

- ◆ The paper score report
- ◆ You will receive in your Social Studies Class
- ◆ Helps you understand your scores
- ◆ Gives personalized feedback on how you performed.
- ◆ Intended to help you improve your skills and prepare for college.
- ◆ It Includes...

- ◆ Section Scores
  - ◆ Critical Reading, Math & Writing
  - ◆ Scored 20-80 (just add a 0 for SAT)
  - ◆ NMSC (National Merit Scholarship Corporation)
    - ◆ Uses the Selection Index score (sum of all three scores) ranging from 60-240 as an initial screening for the recognition and scholarship program.
  
- ◆ Score Range
  - ◆ How your score will change with repeated testing
  
- ◆ Percentage
  - ◆ Percentage of test-takers from a particular grade that scored below your score.
  
- ◆ Skills
  - ◆ Where you performed well and what areas need to improve.

# Also Includes

- ◆ Answers
  - ◆ Your answers, the correct answers, and the difficulty level for each question.
  - ◆ **My College QuickStart™**, students can improve their skills by looking up test questions they answered incorrectly, reviewing thorough answer explanations, and trying related SAT practice questions.
  
- ◆ **What is My College Quickstart?**

- ◆ an online college and career planning tool
- ◆ available free of charge to all students who take the PSAT/NMSQT.
- ◆ provides personalized feedback,
- ◆ practice,
- ◆ and college planning
- ◆ based on your PSAT/NMSQT results.

# MCQ Includes

- ◆ **My Online Score Report:** An interactive score report that allows you to review each test question, your answers, and the correct answers with answer explanations
- ◆ **My SAT Study Plan™:** A customized approach to SAT preparation based on your PSAT/NMSQT test performance with hundreds of practice questions
- ◆ **My AP Potential:** Personalized recommendations to help identify the AP courses in which you're most likely to succeed
- ◆ **My Personality:** A detailed personality test that helps discover majors and careers that fit your strengths and interests
- ◆ **My Major & Career Matches:** Extensive information about majors and careers, including insights about what to expect and what courses to take now
- ◆ **My College Matches:** A starter list of colleges based on your home state and the major your most interested in

# MyRoad

- ◆ Take a research-validated personality assessment that helps you learn about yourself and suggests majors and careers.
- ◆ Choose from 69 profiles of academic fields — from aeronautics to zoology, representing more than 175 instructional programs.
- ◆ Consider 450 occupations — from design and the performing arts to law and medicine.
- ◆ Find out what students and professionals have to say about your choices.
- ◆ Get tips on applying to college and succeeding in high school and beyond.
- ◆ Create an online portfolio for college and career planning.

# How do I get all this?

- ◆ When you receive your **Score Report Plus**, in your US History Class, there will be an access code at the bottom.
- ◆ Create an account on [Collegeboard.org](http://Collegeboard.org), go to PSAT and type in the access code.
- ◆ The whole site will open for you.
- ◆ You will also use this **username** and **password** to register for the SAT on February 17
- ◆ **SO PUT IT IN YOUR PHONE – DON'T FORGET IT**

# What's going to happen Feb 17<sup>th</sup>?

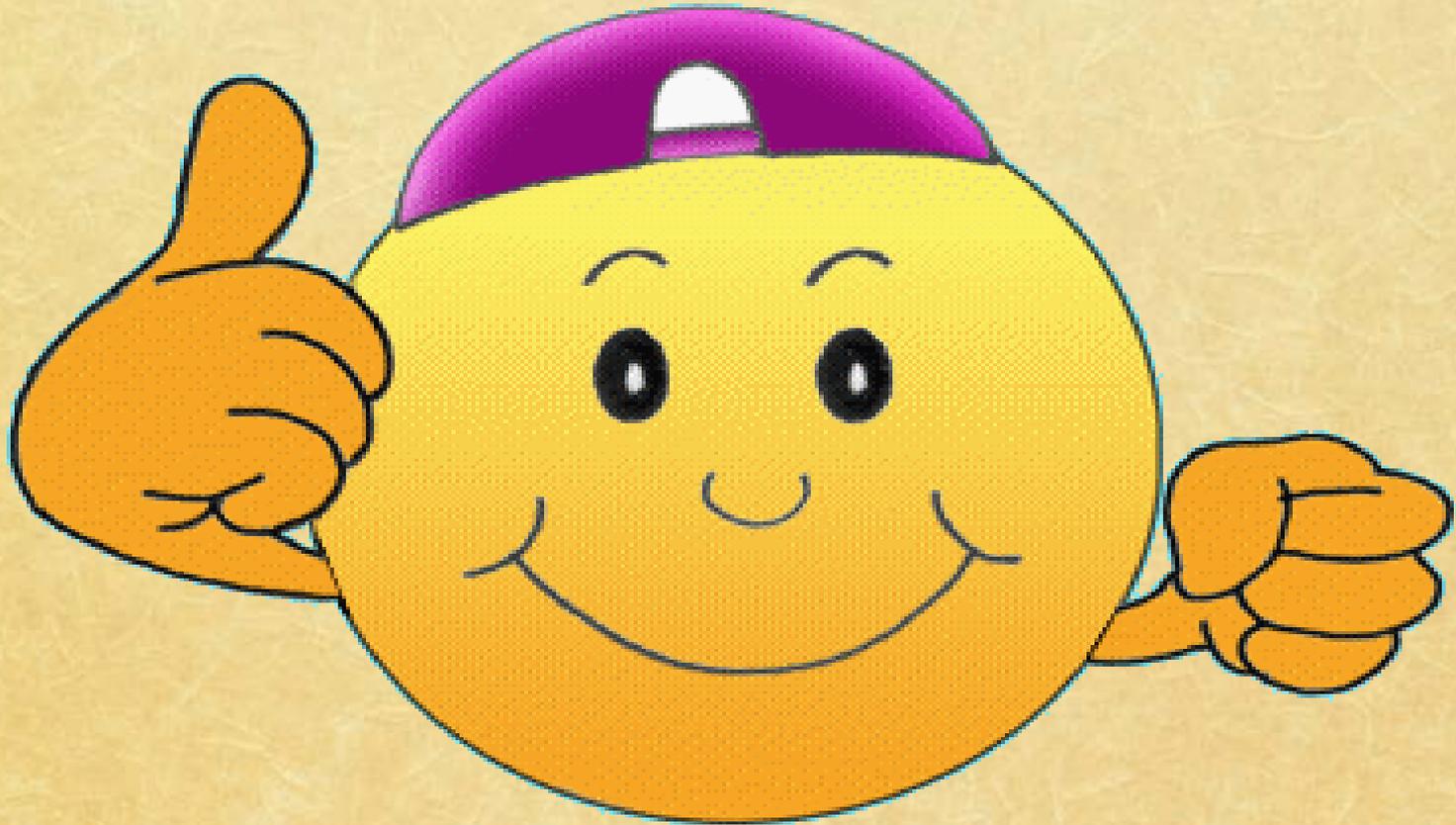
- ◆ You will Register for the SAT through your English III class
- ◆ You will upload a photo Id to collegeboard (done during registration)
- ◆ You will print an admission slip (must have for test day)

# When is the test?

- ◆ **April 15<sup>th</sup>** during the school day.
- ◆ You will report to your assigned room, just like all other testing dates.
- ◆ Bring 2 #2 pencils
- ◆ Bring a calculator
- ◆ Bring a picture id
- ◆ We will have your printed admission ticket

<http://sat.collegeboard.org/home>

**GO FOR IT !**



**GOOD LUCK !**

