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SIRS Discoverer

An overview

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SIRS Discoverer is...

• A multidisciplinary database for all K-12 learners, researchers and educators covering curriculum area content sets such as reading, language arts, current events, science, social studies, history, health and technology.
• Over 2,200 domestic and international sources
• 100% full text articles

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Contents By the Numbers....

• 2,100+ Sources
• 40,000 High quality images and graphics
• 500+ Full text non-fiction books
• 9,000 Monitored educational weblinks
• 3,000 Biographies
• 3,000+ Current and historical maps
• 400 Country, Province and State Faces
• 300+ Editorial cartoons
• 5,600+ Activities
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Curriculum Tools....

- Standards aligned (US and Common Core)
- Leading Issues
- Animal Facts
- Visual Literacy Activities
- Non-Fiction Books
- Spotlight of the Month Resources
- Text to Speech
- Language Translation
- Graphic Organizers

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New for this year.............

Google Drive and Google Classroom integration

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Discoverer Logo

- Use the Sailboat icon on every page to navigate back to the home pace / landing page of SIRS Discoverer.
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**Navigation - Every Page**

- Help
- Subjects
- Features
- Blog
- Educators' Resources
- Search
- Sort
- Advanced Search

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**Navigation - Footer**

- Mobile
- Curriculum Standards

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**SIRS Discoverer Home Page**
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Keyword Search

Useful when you want to locate articles based upon a combination of words or phases.

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Search Techniques

- Boolean operators (Must be in Capital Letters)
  AND, OR, NOT

- Truncation
  farm* -> farmers, farming

- Phrase Searching
  “affirmative action”

- Natural Language
  Is there life on other planets?

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Natural Language Stop Words

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Sort By Options
- Sort by Date
- Sort by Relevance
- Sort Lexile (high to low)
- Sort Lexile (low to high)

Advanced Search
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**Article View**

- Click on an image thumbnail to see all images associated with an article.
- Each image contains a link to the associated article.
- Images can be downloaded or printed.
- Image titles and captions are also included.

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**Translate Options**

- English to
  - Chinese (Simplified and Traditional)
  - French
  - German
  - Italian
  - Japanese
  - Korean
  - Polish
  - Portuguese
  - Russian
  - Spanish
  - Turkish
Current Events

- Offers a list of the latest news through articles and images.
- New content is added daily to this feature.
- Articles are editor-selected to encourage age-appropriate awareness of today's news.

Nonfiction Books

Pro/Con Leading Issues
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**Communication**

- Edmodo Community
- Facebook Pages
  - ProQuest Homework Central
- Pinterest Pages
  - Educator Activities
  - Current Events in the Classroom
  - Food and Recipes

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**Curriculum Tools**

- Student Tutorial / Workbook (editable PDF)
- Activities
- Fiction
- Skills Discoverer
- Standards Correlations

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**Training**

- Guided Research Tutorials
  - Animal Facts
  - Nonfiction Books
  - Pro/Con Leading Issues
- “Human Element” Video
- LibGuide
  - Title List