Where Research Starts

SIRS® Discoverer® is a multidisciplinary database specifically designed for elementary and middle school learners, researchers, and educators covering curriculum areas such as history, health, language arts, math, science, social studies, and technology. All newspaper, magazine, and reference content is editorially-selected, 100% full text and indexed from over 2,200 reliable, high-quality domestic and international sources. This database also includes integrated educational Websites and reference materials such as Compton's by Britannica, Biography for Beginners, Rourke Publishing and DK Eyewitness books.

SIRS Discoverer features easy access to the most-used content and features, an intuitive subject tree hierarchy, age-appropriate search and filter capabilities, as well as streamlined results and article pages to help young learners connect with and comprehend content. User-friendly advanced search features enable users to find exactly what they need by limiting any search by source type and simple searching by grade level and Lexile range.

Essential features for classroom learning and collaboration include seamless integration with Google Classroom and Google Drive, text-to-speech functionality, Lexile® reading levels, Educators’ Resources and much more!

SIRS Discoverer provides the following features and tools:

Features
- Pro/Con Leading Issues
- Animal Facts
- Country Facts & Maps
- Current Events
- Educators’ Resources
- Nonfiction Books
- Spotlight On...
- Student Tutorials

Tools
- Article Text-to-Speech
- Citation Generator (APA and MLA)
- Integration with Google Drive and Google Classroom
- Language Translation
- Responsive design, optimized for viewing on mobile devices
Use SIRS Discoverer to develop activities and lessons that support classroom teaching and help students learn:

• **Critical Thinking Skills**  
  Students develop skills with 60 age-appropriate, editorially-created “Leading Issues.” Popular topics include: *School Uniforms*, *Homework*, and *Animal Experimentation*.

• **Reading Fluency**  
  500+ visually appealing, downloadable nonfiction books to read on any device, from popular publishers such as *Weekly Reader*, *Dorling Kindersley*, and *Biography for Beginners*, featuring beautiful page-image layout and content to engage young readers.

• **Research Skills**  
  Learning basic research skills is fun for students exploring a collection of more than 300 Animal Facts. They can create a poster, tri-fold brochure, flip board, or pyramid display to showcase what they have learned.

• **Media Literacy**  
  Visual Literacy and *In the News* features are updated monthly with new information and questions to engage students in accessing, analyzing and evaluating media.

• **Global Awareness**  
  Country facts, map collections and culture articles inspire curiosity and awareness of the world around us. 264 country, state and Canada facts are updated annually!

• **STEM Education**  
  Ebooks, hands-on projects and *“Science Fair Explorer”* prepare students for success in an increasingly information- and technology-based society.

• **Information Literacy**  
  Teach students beginning information literacy skills with specially designed tutorials to guide elementary- and middle-schools in the research process.

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**Content Designed for Novice Researchers**  
Editors curate documents and links to provide age-appropriate and current coverage of the most popular subjects studied by elementary and middle school learners today. Content is supported by tools such as Lexile measure, text-to-speech capability, MP3 downloads, and article translations. SIRS Discoverer integrates easily into classroom and student workflows with features like Google Drive and Google Classroom, email, print, and MLA/APA citation formats.

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