Introducing…..
The New ProQuest SIRS Discoverer Experience!
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Fresh, new interface includes:
• Intuitive design
• Easy access to most-used content & features
• Newly organized Subject Tree to promote common curriculum subject hierarchy
• New search and filter capabilities to narrow content by grade level and Lexile
• Streamlined result and article pages to help young learners connect with and comprehend content
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User-friendly Advanced Search features:
- Ability to limit search by source type
- Special reference type searching for biographies, maps, and encyclopedia
- Simple searching by grade level and Lexile Range
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Streamlined results page:
- Provides familiar web experience
- Allows students to easily narrow results by source type, grade level, Lexile, and date range so they can find exactly what they need
- Empowers students to quickly identify needed content through article summary and image preview
- Helps identify related topics for projects and homework
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Updated article page:
- Straightforward presentation of options such as print, email and cite
- Improved display of citation and graphics
- Easy, no-hassle way for students to manage sources
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Image preview:
- Scroll through an article’s related graphics in a motivating, slick design
- Quickly see image page or return to article page
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Browse Subjects:
• Newly organized to promote common curriculum subject hierarchy
• Useful for general topic exploration and to show how topics relate to one another
• Subjects branch into sub-topics creating a hierarchal subject tree making it simple for students to select a topic and narrow in on needed information
Animal Facts pages equips young learners with easy-to-find content in support of their first research project!

- Each fact page includes: scientific name, key facts, photos, and links to more information
- Scaffolded learning offers age-appropriate language to engage younger students and links for older students to dig deeper
- PDF makes it easy to print as handouts
Country Facts & Maps provides information on nearly 200 countries and every U.S. State and Canadian Province.

- Carefully created by SIRS Editors to help young learners throughout the research process
- Each profile features data, history, maps, flags, famous people
- Unique graphic organizers aid in research
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Current Events feature is dynamically updated with full-text articles and graphics.
- New content added daily
- Editor-selected to encourage age-appropriate research and awareness of today’s news
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Nonfiction Books feature showcases SIRS Discoverer’s extensive nonfiction collection in an easy-to-read PDF format.

- Over 500 titles from popular publishers such as DK and Rourke Publishing
- 12 categories including Animals, Science, Sports, Technology and more!
- Viewable on any overhead, mobile device, e-reader or computer
Explore Features

**Animal Facts**
Gather all the facts, pictures and times needed to complete your animal research project.

**Current Events**
Stay on top of the latest news and happenings in the world with articles and pictures.

**Pro/Con Leading Issues**
Dig into debated social issues such as animal rights, bullying, cell phones in school, and more.

Pro/Con Leading Issues delivers coverage for selected age-appropriate social issues.

- Each Pro/Con Leading Issue includes: Topic Overview, Essential Question and Pro/Con Articles, Visual Literacy, Critical Thinking Questions, iThink Skills Tutor, Related Links
- Ideal for upper elementary and middle school researchers
- Promotes critical thinking and analysis while meeting ELA Reading and Writing requirements
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Science Fair Explorer is a unique interactive tool designed to help students discover science fair topics.

- Uses everyday materials found in your home to complete experiments
- Science curricula area is clearly labeled
- Two step process:
  - Explore a topic
  - Choose a project
- “Find Out More” links to background reference information
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Spotlight of the Month covers timely, curriculum-related topics every month including:

- Events Calendar features notable birthdays, holidays and anniversaries
- Visual Literacy contains a highly-visual graphic with corresponding critical thinking questions
- In the News highlights an important current issue with age-appropriate article and graphic to stimulate thought and discussion

 Celebrate Canada

Happy birthday, Canada! The country turned 146 years old on July 1st. That day is a very special day in Canada, as Canada Day. Canada Day is a national holiday celebrated on the 1st of July every year in Canada. It is a day to celebrate the country's history, culture, and symbols such as the maple leaf and the national anthem, O Canada. While Canada Day is primarily a celebration of Canadian identity, it is also a time to reflect on the country's diverse cultural heritage and the contributions of all Canadians. Whether you live in Canada or not, it's a great opportunity to learn more about this beautiful country and its history, culture, and symbols.

Spotlight of the Month:

- Country of the Week: Canada: NewsCurrents Read to Hook, Apr. 15, 2015
- Ministry of the Environment: Beaver National Geographic, Aug. 2015
- Snap: The “Highway” in British Columbia NewsCurrents Read to Hook, Aug. 8, 2014
- “Maple Leaf” in the Rocky Mountains: NewsCurrents Read to Hook, Apr. 1, 2013
- Canada, the Land Behind the Military: Special Edition for NATO, July 2, 2003
- National Symbols of Canada: Department of Canadian Heritage

Visual Literacy

Understanding and interpreting images is the basis of Visual Literacy. Examine the image to the right and answer the questions below to draw conclusions:

1. What is happening in this picture?
2. When do you think this picture was taken?
3. Who are the people in this picture?
4. What do you know about the dance that these people are performing?
5. Why do you think the photographer took this picture?

Events Calendar

In the News

U.S. Indicts 9 FIFA Officials for Bribery

The world’s second largest sport was rocked by scandal in 2015. In a massive corruption scheme, 9 FIFA officials were indicted on charges of racketeering and money laundering. The case, which involved millions of dollars in bribes, led to the downfall of several FIFA officials and has raised questions about the organization’s ethics. The indictments highlight the need for increased accountability and transparency in sports organizations, and have led to calls for reform within FIFA and the broader football community.
Updated Educators’ Resources provides an organized collection of materials designed to help all educators incorporate ProQuest SIRS Discoverer into their lessons.
Elementary and Middle School level workbooks are carefully designed to develop students’ research skills through a series of in-depth exercises.

- Interactive PDF can be printed and distributed, or completed in products and saved by students. Covers skills such as search methods, tips for revising search, browsing topics and evaluating information.
- Addresses curriculum standards with direct instruction correlated to content and features in ProQuest SIRS Discoverer.
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