What is “SIRS” from ProQuest?

(Social Issues Resources Series) A line of focused, specially constructed online research databases.

• Materials are hand-selected from over 1900 sources, with manually written summaries and indexing using Library of Congress Subject Headings

• Selection criteria include:
  • Well-documented information
  • The latest information on ever-changing fields
  • Topics of both local and global importance
  • A wide variety of viewpoints
  • Graphics that help clarify information
  • Materials that are clear, comprehensive, reliable, and relevant
  • Non-duplicative materials
Discoverer is an award-winning resource designed to help increase reading, writing, and research skills. Thousands of selected, age appropriate articles from over 1900 sources include...

- Animal Facts
- Current Events
- Pro / Con Leading Issues
- Country Facts and Maps
- Nonfiction Books
- Science Fair Explorer
- Activities
- Fiction
- Countries and Cultures
- Maps
- Websites Organized by Core Area
- Standards Correlated
- Student Workbooks
Non-Fiction Informational Text -- Books

Nonfiction Book feature
showcases SIRS Discoverer’s extensive nonfiction collection in an easy-to-read PDF format.

- Over 500 titles appropriate to meet the Common Core State Standard requirement to “read and comprehend literary nonfiction.”
- 12 categories including Animals, Science, Sports, Technology and more!
- Accessible from Database Features on homepage.
- Viewable on any overhead, mobile device, e-reader or computer.

Nonfiction Books

- Animals
- Health & Human Body
- History & Government
- Science
- Sports

- Arts & Humanities
- Biographies
- Curriculum Activities
“Activities” provides a shortcut to full-text articles that include activities such as science experiments, craft projects, writing, read aloud plays, editorial cartoons and more!
Takes students on a journey of discovery around the house and yard, connecting them with interesting experiments in major areas of the sciences such as chemistry, life, physics, ecology, and more!
The Events Calendar provides a direct connection to both information on major historical events as well as biographical information on people based upon their birthdates.
Country Facts

- Country Facts provide information on nearly 200 countries, including maps, flags, population statistics, government information, languages spoken, economic data and history. Many countries also have links to Culture Facts.

- In addition, profiles and graphics are included for every U.S. State and Canadian Province.

- Three levels of Graphic Organizers provide excellent research guides.
Maps

- Detailed, printable maps are available associated with country reports. The maps include each of the 50 United States, the provinces and territories of Canada, as well as nations and regions of the world.
Tap into SIRS Discoverer’s 10,000+ hand-picked websites to learn key topics in every core curriculum area. Each topic offers an interactive website, and links to many more great websites on the same topic.
Spotlight On

• Spotlight of the Month
  – *Includes*
  • Monthly Spotlight Topic
  • Visual Literacy Exercise
  • Historical Events Calendar
  • In the News Topic and Challenge
  • Spotlight Archives
Lexile Reading Levels with Indicators

• Search results may be searched and sorted by Lexile Score. Grade level indicators in results lists

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Kunkush the Refugee Cat Finds His Family

*NewsCurrents Read to Know; Mar 7, 2016; Lexile Measure: 940; Grade Levels: 4,5,6*

"Many refugees have to leave everything behind to find a new life. But when one family decided to leave Iraq, they knew they could not leave their beloved pet cat, Kunkush, behind. They carried him across the Mediterranean Sea in a small boat, to reach the Greek island of Lesbos. When they landed, Kunkush got scared and ran away. They tried to look for him, but they had to move to their new home before they could find him." *(NewsCurrents Read to Know)* Read more about this cat’s reunion with his family.
How to Cite

• Formatted MLA and APA citations provided with all articles
• Export to EasyBib option

Citations

MLA

APA
Workbooks

• The workbooks contain exercises that help users master SIRS search methods.
  – Primary School Edition, targeting grades 1-5
  – Middle School Edition, targeting grades 6-8
• Available in PDF format
Educator’s Resources

Communication

- Featured: Share This Blog
  Blog posts feature product updates, training opportunities and curriculum ideas for ProQuest SIRS Discoverer. Also see Facebook ProQuest Homework Central.

- Edmodo Community
  Educator community offers ways to connect with educators and ProQuest staff and integrate collection content directly into classroom or library activities.

- Pinterest
  Boards offer K12-oriented resources including Educator Activities, Current Events in the Classroom and Food and Recipes.

- ProQuest Newsletters
  Subscription newsletters showcase the latest on ProQuest products and services, upcoming events, industry trends and marketing resources.

Curriculum Tools

- Featured: Student Workbooks
  Online workbook offers opportunities for students in elementary school to practice information literacy and research skills using ProQuest SIRS Discoverer. Also see the Student Workbook–Middle School Edition.

- Activities
  Section features wide variety of full-text activities including art projects, debate, editorial cartoons, quizzes and writing.

- Fiction
  Collection highlights fiction resources including drama, historical, myths, plays and science fiction.

- Skills Discoverer
  Interactive feature helps students practice key skills for standardized tests with game-like activities divided by curriculum-based subjects.

- Standards Correlations
  Page provides nine sets of standards correlated to ProQuest SIRS Discoverer content including Common Core, U.S. States and International Baccalaureate.

Product Training

- Featured: Training Webinars
  Portal provides an opportunity to explore a variety of training webinars about ProQuest products and services. Live and recorded sessions are available to meet scheduling needs.

- Human Element
  Animated video illustrates how ProQuest SIRS products offer a superior experience to aggregate products and the open web due to editorial selection and compilation.

- LibGuide
  Packaged site offers training and promotional materials that may be easily copied into an existing LibGuide.
Training and Support

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[https://blogs.proquest.com](https://blogs.proquest.com) – “Share This” information blog
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