ProQuest Resources
included in the California K-12 Online Content Project

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Objectives

At the end of the today’s session, you will be able to:

• Identify which ProQuest resources have the best applications to your classroom
• Describe the content in each collection
• Search and find content and educator resources
• Connect with training materials & ProQuest Support
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LibGuide – proquest.libguides.com/californiak12

- Training Resources
- Technical Support
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What is CultureGrams?

- **World Edition**
  Experience the world through cultural information on more than 200 countries.
  Explore

- **Kids Edition**
  Get a kid's eye view of daily life in countries around the world.
  Explore

- **States Edition**
  Explore all the U.S. states in colorful, engaging reports.
  Explore

- **Provinces Edition**
  Tour all the Canadian provinces and territories in 13 image-filled reports.
  Explore
Kids Edition

• 185+ country reports that teach upper elementary-aged children more about the world around them
• Up-to-date, engaging cultural information, complete with images, historical timeline, fun facts, and sections on history, population, life as a kid
• Written at an elementary reading level (Lexile 520-1185)

- Colorful & easy-to-read reports on each U.S. state, the District of Columbia, and all 13 Canadian provinces and territories
- Includes images, maps, charts, data tables
- Written at an elementary reading level (Lexile 520-1185)
World Edition

• 200+ country reports, suitable for grade 7+, written by native or long-term residents of each country
• 25 categories per report, including dating and marriage, general attitudes, personal appearance
• Includes additional media, definitions
School Library Journal recognizes CultureGrams as “Must Have” Database for school research

Just for Reference: Must-Have Databases for School Research

by Maggie Knopp
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Databases are the research workhorses in many school libraries, increasingly taking the place of long shelves of reference books and allowing users 24/7 access to information on devices of their choosing. Educators continue to stress the importance of authoritative sources and citations, while students are learning to pick up on the first whiff of “fake news.” Reliable, user-friendly databases are more important than ever.

Social studies

CultureGrams (ProQuest)
Gr 3 Up – Divided into four modules (World, Kids, States, and Provinces), Culturegrams has curated, up-to-date content on world cultures and geography, along with a “graphs and tables” section of statistics ranging from economy and land areas to types of money and leaders in power. The States module, most suitable for elementary and middle school, provides fast facts as well as content on history, geography, and people. The World edition offers more nuanced information for older students, along with infographics. All modules contain visuals and videos.
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SIRS Discoverer & SIRS Issues Researcher
SIRS Discoverer

• Reference resource designed for elementary & middle-school students
• Content hand-selected by editors
• Research Topics divided into four categories:
  • Famous People
  • Countries, States, & Provinces
  • Controversial Issues
  • Animals
• Resources Include:
SIRS Issues Researcher

- Resource designed for middle & high school students
- 360+ Topic Overview pages with sources for opposing viewpoints
- Content hand-selected by editors
- Educator Resources including Curriculum Guides & Note Organizers
- Resources include:
What’s new with SIRS?
Platform Upgrade & New Features

• New Guided Research interface (released Aug. 1, 2019)
  • SIRS Issues Researcher: https://explore.proquest.com/sirsissuesresearcher
  • SIRS Discoverer: https://explore.proquest.com/sirsdiscoverer
• Consistent, updated user experience
• Microsoft OneDrive integration
• Available on the ProQuest Academic platform (http://search.proquest.com) later this year
SIRS Discoverer Interface Update

Old SIRS Discoverer

New SIRS Discoverer
SIRS Discoverer “Sunset” Features

Underutilized features in current product; Streamlining to focus on higher-used areas

Content Remains; Browse feature sunset
SIRS Issues Research Interface Update

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THAT'S DEBATABLE!

RECENTLY ADDED ARTICLES

- Trump Promises Tariff on Mexico to Stop Migrants
  May 31, 2019 / Newspapers
- Mueller Says Trump Was Not Exonerated by Investigation
  May 30, 2019 / Newspapers
- Tanning Salons Timeline
  2019 / Reference
Find the global population of red pandas.

Locate a biography of Alexander the Great.

Browse topics in Environment & Science and select one. Find the Research Guide.

Search Cyberbullying in both resources. How do the Issues pages differ?
eLibrary
eLibrary

- One of the largest collections of periodical and digital media content supporting novice researchers
- Includes 2,000+ full-text magazines, newspapers, books, and media
- Easy-to-browse Research Topics
- Searches designed for educators that correlate to state and national standards
• Curated topics
• Central place to start research
• Browse by subject or “common assignments”
Curriculum Standards

- Located on the ProQuest Academic Platform: https://search.proquest.com
- Predefined “Topic Paths”
Schools and Educators Complete
Schools and Educators Complete

A collection of 13,800+ titles with unlimited, multi-user access and a wealth of information in professional development and training resources. This resource serves high school students and educators, and includes ebooks from publishers such as ALA Editions, ASCD, Classroom Complete, and the National Science Teacher Association.
Cross-Disciplinary Content

For students:
- Art
- History
- Literature
- Religion
- Science
...and more

For educators:
- Common Core
- Classroom Management
- Curriculum planning
- Child development
- Psychology
...and more
Features

• Personal accounts allow users to access anywhere, save to bookshelf
• Read online or using Adobe Digital Editions
  • Download chapters as PDF
• Refine your search
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What is ProQuest Central Student?

- A multidisciplinary resource comprised of ProQuest’s most complete databases in science, technology, education, social science, humanities, and news
- A “gateway” to resources used in higher education
- Includes scholarly journals, magazines, newspapers, dissertations & theses, conference papers, books, and more
Included Databases

Science & Technology
- Biology Database
- Science Database
- Computing Database
- Psychology Database

Social Studies
- Social Science Database
- Religion Database
- Education Database

Multi-disciplinary
- Research Library
  (arts, history, literature, business, health, sciences)
- 60 Minutes documentary videos

News
- International Newsstream
- US Newssstream
- Canadian Newsstream
- Global Breaking Newswires
Basic Search Strategies

• Boolean Operators – AND, OR, NOT
• Phrase Searching
• Truncation/Wildcards
  • Asterisk (*) stands in for multiple characters
  • Question mark (?) stands in for zero or one character
• Proximity Operators
  • NEAR/#
  • PRE/#
• No stop words
• Punctuation and diacritics ignored

Examples:
- B*ball returns baseball, basketball
- Ad??? returns ad, ads, added, adult, adopt
- “free jazz”
PQ Central Student tools

- Individual MyResearch accounts
- Easily create citations & bibliographies
- Add notes to your saved records and searches
- Set up alerts for searches or titles
ProQuest Research Companion
ProQuest Research Companion

• Self-guided modules
  • Find Information
  • Evaluate Information
  • Use Information

• Supports information literacy, writing, research skills

• Companion to “one-shot” sessions, allowing librarians and teachers to focus on complex research and writing principles
Common student problems with the research project:

• Couldn’t choose good topics
• Didn’t know where to find information
• Couldn’t evaluate sources
• Didn’t know how to convert information into evidence
• Couldn’t help plagiarizing
• Didn’t know how to revise
What Support Tools Are Provided?

- **Search Aid** – suggestions and connections to viable resources
- **Periodical Evaluator** – provides background from UlrichsWeb serials directory on thousands of periodical sources
- **Book Evaluator** – provides background from Bowker on book resources
- **Website Evaluator** – insights on web-based sources
- **Citation Generator** – custom media-specific generated citations
- **Revision Aid** – writing and grammatical evaluator
Support
Training and Support

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  - Lindsey.Skaggs@proquest.com

- ProQuest Support Center: https://support.proquest.com/

- “Share This” Blog: https://blogs.proquest.com