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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 page / landing page of SIRS Discoverer.**

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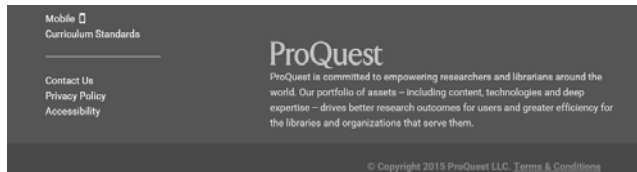
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Navigation - Footer



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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 phrases.

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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?

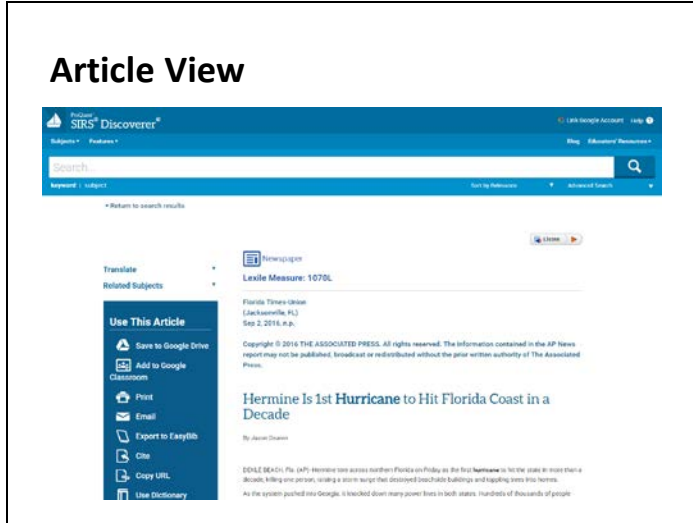
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Natural Language Stop Words

A	BE	HAS	IT	OF	SUCH	WHERE
ABOUT	BECAUSE	HAD	ITS	ONE	S	WE
AFTER	BEEEN	HAVE	LAST	ON	THAN	WHEN
ALL	BUT	HE	MORE	OR	THAT	WHICH
ALSO	BY	HER	MOST	OTHER	THE	WHO
AN	CAN	HIS	MR	OUT	THEIR	WILL
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AS	FOR	INTO	NOT	SHE	TO	
AT	FROM	IS	ONLY	SOME	WAS	

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Images

- 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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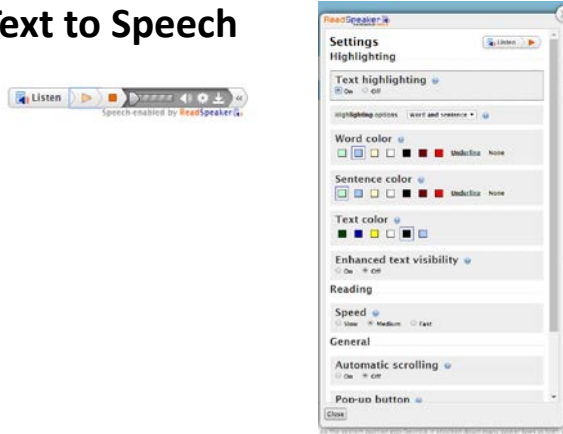
Translate Options

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

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Text to Speech



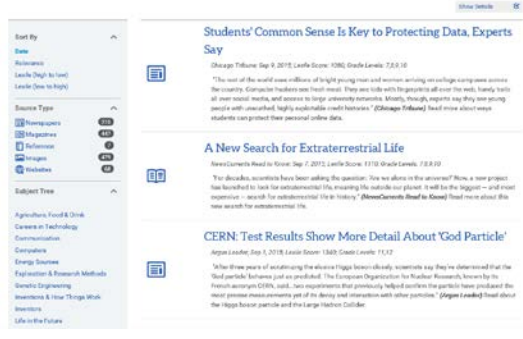
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Browse Subjects



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Subject Results – People Browse









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Explore Features

Explore Features

 Animal Facts Gather all the facts, pictures and links needed to complete your animal research project.	 Country Facts & Maps Learn about the world with profiles of countries, provinces and states.
 Current Events Stay on top of the latest news and happenings in the world with articles and pictures.	 Nonfiction Books Read colorful PDF books on animals, art, biographies, health, history, science and more.
 Pro/Con Leading Issues Dig into debated social issues such as animal rights, bullying, cell phones in school, and more.	 Science Fair Explorer Discover science fair projects using everyday materials found in any home.









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Animal Facts

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Animal Facts

Explore by Type:

 Amphibians	 Arachnids	 Birds	 Fishes
 Insects	 Invertebrates	 Mammals	 Reptiles

See All Animal Facts...

Explore by Animal (A-Z):

- Amphibians
- Asian Penguin
- African Buffalo
- African Elephant
- Antarctic
- Beluga
- Negative Shipping Turtles
- American Bison
- American Buffalo
- American Crow
- American Lobster
- American Trout

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Country Facts & Maps

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Country Facts & Maps

Country Facts A-Z List	State Facts A-Z List	Canada Facts A-Z List
 <ul style="list-style-type: none">AfricaCentral AsiaCentral America & CaribbeanEast & Southeast AsiaEuropeMiddle EastNorth AmericaOceaniaSouth AmericaSouth Asia	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">MidwestNortheastSouthWest	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">ProvincesTerritories

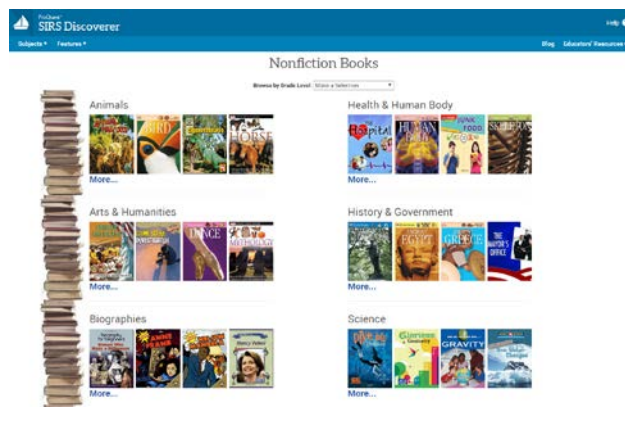
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Current Events

- 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

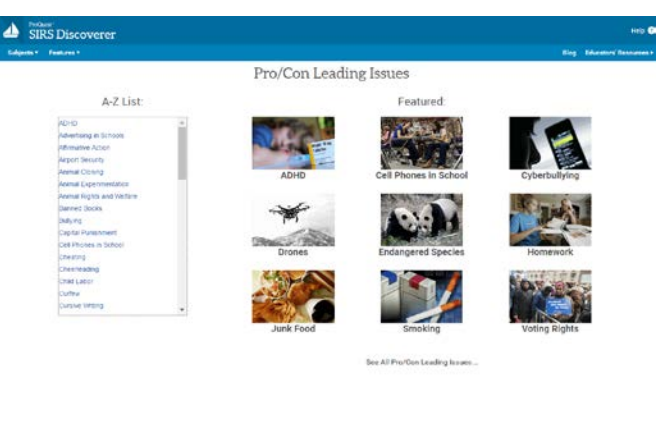
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Nonfiction Books



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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
