

Explorations Newsletter

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New Content Additions @ SIRS Discoverer

Learn to Write Winning Reports with New eBook Addition!

One of the more common student uses of the library is to write research paper or report. The latest eBook from Prufrock Press added to SIRS Discoverer --*Writing Winning Reports*—helps students to structure information for their next report.

The book provides ready-made guidelines for reports on twelve different topics and five additional types of reports. For most of these research projects, students are given three forms. The first is a report information sheet, outlining precisely what is to be included in the report and how it is to be organized. The second page is a point sheet. This tells students how their reports will be graded. The third sheet is a list of alternative projects. These can be used as replacements for the written reports or as extending activities.

Encourage instructors and students to browse the book's [Table of Contents](#).

Point Sheet for Animal Report


Your Name _____ Due Date _____

Report on _____

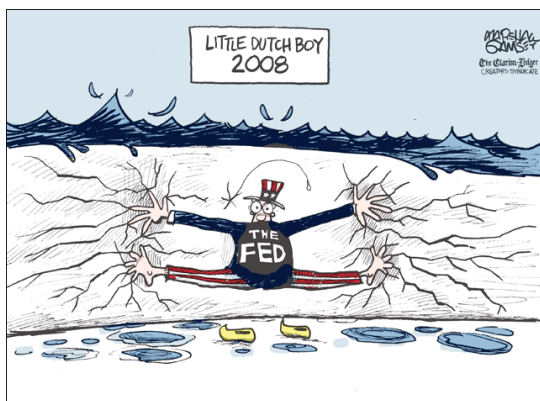
Attach this page after the cover page and before the written pages.

| | Points earned | Possible points | Criteria |
|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Cover page | _____ | 10 | neatly done according to directions |
| Information pages | _____ | 10 | spelling |
| | _____ | 10 | neatness |
| | _____ | 10 | punctuation |
| | _____ | 5 | margins and indentations |
| | _____ | 40 | quality of material and writing style |
| | _____ | 5 | parent's signature |
| Works cited page | _____ | 10 | done according to directions |
| Total | _____ | 100 | |

I have viewed my child's report and have made suggestions.
Parent's signature _____



SIRS Discoverer Makes Global Economic Issues Understandable



Students often struggle to follow contemporary economic and financial issues. From the subprime mortgage crisis to unemployment to healthcare costs, the topics can seem bewilderingly complex even to an adult learner.

The SIRS Discoverer editors have made understanding complex financial and economic issues a little easier by selecting some of the best content on these topics from sources that are both age-appropriate and authoritative.

Use the Subject Tree Browse to view the following Tree branches for both current and archival content on these topics:

[SOCIAL ISSUES > Consumerism > Economics and Money](#)

[HEALTH & HUMAN BODY > Health Care](#)

Perform the following keyword searches for another way to access the data:

[“financial crisis”](#)

[Foreclosure](#)

[“health insurance”](#)

New Content Additions @ eLibrary Elementary

Find Fun and Educational American History Facts

The eBook [The Great American History Fact-Finder](#) (2004), published by Houghton-Mifflin, covers a wide spectrum of American history and culture, including political events, military history, sports, arts, entertainment, landmark legislation, and business. Young researchers can find essential information on everything from the Mayflower to space exploration, from the dot-com boom and bust to the Stanley Cup. The book's 2,200 concise entries, arranged from A to Z, bring U.S. history into sharp focus while also offering just plain useful facts about the well known and not so well known.

The Fact-Finder, which can easily be browsed or found as part of many search queries, provides very useful context about an event, person or idea that a student may be researching for a report, presentation or other activity.

Once contextualized, the students may review articles and images in the rest of eLibrary Elementary with greater dexterity and success.

