



SIRS Discoverer[®] with SIRS WebFind

What are the Key Benefits?

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| Safety | Unlike mechanically compiled sources, each article, image and website is evaluated by a dedicated editorial team—ensuring age-appropriate content for young and struggling users. |
| Currency | Active editorial management provides currency through daily updating of articles and images. <i>Spotlight of the Month</i> showcases relevant monthly features, daily events and timely news topics. |
| Differentiated Instruction | SIRS Discoverer supports differentiated instruction by providing Lexile scores, editorially assigned reading levels, and age-appropriate article summaries for articles through teacher and student materials aligned with curriculum subject areas, research topics and homework help. |
| Curriculum Support | Teacher and student materials are aligned with national and state curriculum subject areas, research topics and homework help. Special features, such as <i>Skills Discoverer</i> , engage students as they practice skills in curriculum-based subject areas. |

Why SIRS Discoverer over Competitors?

| SIRS At a Glance | Unique Differentiators |
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| <p>CONTENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% Full-Text Articles w/ Summaries • 2,100+ Sources • 40,000+ High-Quality Images & Illustrations • 9000+ Monitored Educational Weblinks • 40,000+ Subjects Hand-indexed to LoC • 3000+ Biographies • 3000+ Current & Historical Maps • 400+ Country and Culture Facts • 300+ Editorial Cartoons • 5600+ Activities • Current Events • World Almanac for Kids • Dictionary & Thesaurus • Encyclopedia <p>FEATURES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science Fair Explorer • Skills Discoverer • Search Widget • Spotlight of the Month • Lexiles & Editorially-Assigned Reading Levels • MLA Citations • Social bookmark & share • Graphic Organizers • Automatic search terms • E-mail Functions • Monthly Activities, Projects & Lesson Plans • Standards Alignments • Educator's Guide & Student Workbooks | <p>SIRS is truly different than any other provider. As the <i>only resource</i> for materials targeted to student research, SIRS provides safe and current content for students with varied reading abilities. All content is hand-selected and indexed from over 2,100+ reliable high-quality sources. SIRS Discoverer is created with special care to provide for differentiated instruction, enhanced visual and media literacy, and high-interest content that promotes learning. Discoverer is much more than the typical “dumbed-down” collection of resources behind a graphical interface.</p> <p>SIRS vs. Aggregators – SIRS editors select 100% full-text content daily from a variety of safe sources, excluding futile and inappropriate reviews, schedules, or captions. In addition to Lexile Scores, SIRS editorial hand-assigns a reading difficulty level based on text and content complexity. With the addition of editorially-written summaries, subject indexing, inline thumbnail pictures and textual visual literacy cues, Discoverer makes it easy for all learners to find high-interest content at the right reading level.</p> <p>SIRS vs. Encyclopedias – Unlike Encyclopedias alone, Discoverer offers a comprehensive research solution, including Compton's by Britannica's Encyclopedia—providing content and features from different media type designed to support homework assignments and research projects. Students learn to search in a range of search options, research in a guided environment, analyze content, and form their own ideas.</p> |



Skills Discoverer quickly connects students to editorially-selected educational websites. Game-like activities and challenges engage users as they practice skills in curriculum-based subject areas.