



SIRS: Educator-selected resources focusing on enduring and current issues



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### Key advantages of SIRS products

- Primary Source content
- 100% full-text content
- Editorially selected
- Accessible from the library, the classroom and at home

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## Trusted information designed to support student research

For more than 30 years, educators have trusted SIRS in selecting information that supports student research. We pride ourselves on selecting only the best and most relevant resources. Every SIRS article, primary source, website, and graphic has been carefully reviewed to ensure its relevancy, credibility, curricular applicability, and appropriateness to students. Plus, our balanced approach ensures students see a variety of viewpoints from around the country and around the world. This broader exposure to viewpoints gives students the ability to develop essential critical thinking skills as they formulate their own opinions on a topic.

## SIRS Knowledge Source® Integrated access to award-winning SIRS theme-based resources

SIRS Knowledge Source (SKS) is a comprehensive database portal which is comprised of several distinct reference databases including SIRS Researcher®, SIRS Government Reporter®, SIRS Renaissance®, SKS WebSelect™, SIRS Discoverer®, and Discoverer WebFind™.

Use SKS to search all these SIRS resources at once, or to link to an individual SIRS collection. Links are also available to SIRS Discoverer® and Discoverer WebFind™ for younger researchers.

## SIRS Renaissance®

### Full-color images, art reproductions, illustrations, and relevant articles

SIRS Renaissance was custom-made for arts and humanities educators, offering full-text articles from more than 1,200 U.S and international newspapers, journals, and magazines. The resource is visually stunning, since the articles are accompanied by colourful images, including art reproductions, photographs, and illustrations. Topics covered in Renaissance include architecture and design, culture, literature, multimedia, music, performing arts, philosophy and religion, and visual arts.

Among the unique features that enhance research are these:

- **Editor's Top Pick** features articles and images selected weekly by the SIRS research team for their exceptional interest and research value
- **Literary Corner** links to key resources and articles for the study of authors and literature
- **Award Recipients** lists major award winners in all of Renaissance's eight subject categories
- **Notable People** contains full-text articles and profiles of notable people in each category
- **Simple search features** make it easy to retrieve colourful images, including art reproductions, photographs, and illustrations
- **Recommended References** provides suggestions for further readings
- **Spotlights of the Month** offer insightful questions and topics along with links to selected articles to encourage student research
- **Glossary of the Arts** provides extensive explanations of terminology, ideas, and people
- **Suggested Research Topics** offers keywords, subject headings, and topic browse paths that link directly to coverage of hot topics and timely issues

## SIRS Researcher® See the whole story on current and enduring issues

When it comes to helping students make sense of the major issues of the day, SIRS Researcher makes the grade by offering only the very best resources from more than 1,600 sources.

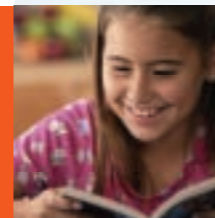
Like all SIRS offerings, every source has been carefully selected to ensure relevancy, credibility, curricular applicability, and age-appropriateness. Go in-depth into nearly 100 leading issues or explore thousands of topical issues in the areas of business, environment, family, global issues, health, human relations, institutions, and science. It is all here, enduring issues such as abortion, capital punishment, and gun control; and current issues such as doping in sports, eating disorders, and same-sex marriage.

Our unique non-divisive, unbiased editorial approach delivers content on all sides of an issue - pro, con, and everything in between. So students can build essential critical thinking skills and form their own opinions by seeing the whole story.

Lexile reading levels match reader ability and text difficulty, allowing for individualised instruction and monitoring of student progress.

Key Researcher features include:

- **Leading Issues & Top 10** provide instant access to information on 100 current and enduring social issues and the top 10 most researched issues for the month.
- **That's Debatable!** monthly poll allows students to express their opinion on key issues affecting the world today.
- **Focus on Terrorism** connects students to the very latest information on terrorism issues affecting the Middle East, the US, and beyond.
- **The World Almanac & Maps** deliver key reference information from The World Almanac and Book of Facts and a collection of more than 500 political, geographical, outline, and historical maps.
- **Today's News** delivers breaking headline news stories dynamically updated throughout the day
- **Spotlight On** offer activities that highlight timely, key topics and issues



## SIRS Discoverer® A kid-friendly wealth of learning resources

Take one look at Discoverer, and you'll understand - we designed it with young researchers in mind. The colourful interface is intuitive and easy-to-use for even the youngest students who are hard at work developing their research, writing, language, and computer skills.

Kids love the colourful buttons and simple navigation system. But Discoverer is more than a user-friendly interface. Once your students click a button, the real genius of Discoverer becomes apparent. It offers articles and graphics from more than 1,600 sources, all carefully selected for their educational content, interest, age-appropriateness, and level of readability. Articles are assigned a Lexile score, as well as a reading level (easy, moderate, or challenging) based on content, interest, and readability. Lexile scores match reader ability and text difficulty, allowing individualised student instruction.



## SIRS Decades™

### Sources documenting life and events in 20th-century America

SIRS Decades™ delivers thousands of documents organised around the decades of the 20th century. SIRS Decades features more than 5,000 hand-selected primary and secondary source articles highlighting key events, movements, people, and places in 20th-century America. Coverage includes documents, letters and memos, editorial cartoons, streaming video, websites, photographs, maps, advertisements, and published articles—some available from the UMI® microfilm vault for the first time in digital format. Our SIRS editorial staff carefully selects material based on its relevancy to the topic, range of viewpoints, authoritativeness, readability, and extent of coverage to ensure that users receive "best of" content.

The colourful, user-friendly interface makes it easy to locate information. Users can browse by decade, topic, or timeline, or they can use keyword, subject, and advanced search features to develop targeted queries. Plus, regularly updated editorial features like Cartoon Gallery and History Highlight bring to light documents on interesting and timely topics.

Also available from SIRS  
SIRS Government Reporter®  
SIRS Interactive Citizenship®  
SKS WebSelect™ & Discoverer WebFind™

## Other electronic resources from ProQuest Information and Learning include

- CultureGrams™
- eLibrary®
- ProQuest®
- ProQuest Learning



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