

5 reasons to use SIRS® Discoverer® for Better Research, Better Learning and Better Insights



1. **It's fun!** Students can create while developing basic research skills with the ability to make posters, tri-fold brochures, flipboards or a pyramid display to showcase what they have learned.
2. **Discover the world.** Country facts, map collections and culture articles let you travel the globe without leaving the classroom. 264 country, state and Canada facts are updated annually!
3. **Designed specifically for beginning researchers.** Elementary and middle schoolers can explore vetted, trustworthy information on topics that spark their interest – like 300 Animal Facts or “Leading Issues” such as homework and school uniforms.
4. **It's easy!** SIRS Discoverer integrates easily into classroom and student workflows with features like Google Drive and Google Classroom, email, print, and MLA/APA citation formats.
5. **Be on the cutting edge.** It's all about STEM education these days. Ebooks, hands-on projects and “Science Fair Explorer” prepare students for success in an increasingly information- and technology-based society.



Example searches and activities using SIRS Discoverer:

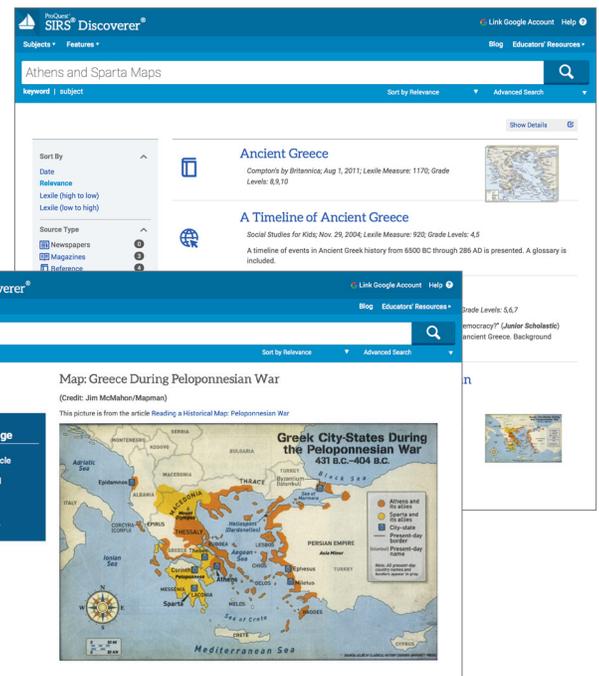
Athens and Sparta/Peloponnesian War

In a single search, find relevant information that teaches about the background and history of Athens and Sparta. It needs to include the following:

- Maps
- Encyclopedia definitions for people, places, or events
- Web content
- Periodical content
- Biographical content
- PDF content
- Find APA or MLA citations for each selected piece
- Save items to Google Docs

Local Government and How it Works

- Search “mayor” as a subject
- Look for information on the following:
 - What are the duties of a mayor?
 - How old can a mayor be?
 - What do mayors do in a disaster?
- Read and provide 3 facts about two famous mayors
- Find and download a book about mayors



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