SIRS Knowledge Source is a search portal that will allow you to search multiple SIRS Databases at once. The SIRS family of databases are ProQuest products. The searchable databases include: SIRS Researcher, SIRS Government Documents and SIRS Renaissance. Younger researchers, those in the primary grades, can find a link to SIRS Discoverer.

Let’s take a look at the interface:

The Page Tabs will allow you to navigate to different pages. The “Topic Browse” tab will lead you to a subject list of topics for the three databases. “Database Features” will give you a list of interest oriented features including suggested research topics.

Begin searching by typing your search term(s) into the Search Box. Students may get better results if they begin searching using the “Keyword/Natural Language” option. If you would like to see a list of subject headings used in the databases, click on “Browse Subjects.”

You may choose to search the three Databases all at once. To remove a specific database from the search, click the check box next to the title of the database. Later, you may add the database back to your search by clicking on the check box again. Notice that the check (√) will reappear.

My Research will allow you to compile a list of articles, citations and websites. The Toolbox is a great resource to find help with many of the problems researchers face: citations using MLA, APA and Turabian style, helpful guides for writing research papers, debate outlines and creating PowerPoint presentations. SIRS Researcher Pro vs. Con Issues is a quick link to articles covering popular issues.
Let’s begin searching. Type a search term in the Search Box and click search. In the example below, I used “Gaza” and selected “Keyword/Natural Language.”

Take a look at the results list:

Your results are listed in categories. You may view all, or view results based on type. To view a list of only newspaper articles, click the “Newspapers” hyperlink.

To view the document click the hyperlink.

Click the check box to the left of any document you would like to add to “My Research” and click the “Update Tagged List” button at the bottom of the list.

Descriptors are subject guide hyperlinks that will lead you to additional results of the given topic.

Visit your “My Research” page to print, email, save or find a citation for the articles you have checked.