

SIRS Researcher® Quick Start Guide

About SIRS Researcher®

SIRS Researcher® is a general reference database containing thousands of full-text articles exploring social, scientific, health, historic, business, economic, political and global issues. Articles and graphics are selected from over 1,600 domestic and international publications and are indexed primarily according to Library of Congress-derived subject headings.

Part 1: Navigating the Interface

The screenshot shows the SIRS Researcher homepage. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Home, sirs, Click Search, Advanced Search, Topic Browse, Database Features, Interactive Openings, My Research, Educational Resources, and Support. Below these is a search bar with a search button and a 'New Targeted Search' link. The main content area is divided into three sections: 'LEADING ISSUES' with a scrollable list of topics, 'YOUR TOP 10' featuring a 'PRO vs. CON' section with various topics like 'Same-sex marriage', 'Capital punishment', and 'Abortion', and 'PROQUEST TOPICS' with a list of subjects like 'Business', 'Environment', and 'Family'. On the right side, there is a 'Help Topics & Reference Bar' with links to 'That's Debatable!', 'Today's News', 'Focus on Terminals', 'Spotlight on...', 'Challenge Quest', 'World Abstracts & Maps', and 'Browse Topics'.

Search Tabs (points to the top navigation tabs)

New Targeted Search (points to the 'New Targeted Search' link)

All Leading Issues -- Allows students to build critical thinking skills (points to the 'LEADING ISSUES' section)

Your 'TOP 10' -- Updated monthly based on end-user searches (points to the 'YOUR TOP 10' section)

Help Topics & Reference Bar (points to the right-hand navigation bar)

Database Features -- Significant information in several content areas (points to the 'PROQUEST TOPICS' list)

Part 2: Search Methods

Targeted Search: Simply click the new Images search link at the top of the main search page and find any of tens of thousands of photographs, charts and maps to simply copy and paste into reports, presentations and more.


Subject Headings Search: Subject Headings Search is useful when you have a specific research topic in mind and you want to use a subject index to quickly locate articles related to that particular topic.

Keyword Search: Keyword Search is useful when you want to locate articles based on your own combination of key words and phrases.

Topic Browse: Use to locate results by exploring topics and subtopics in a multilevel tree.

Part 3: Analyzing Your Results

The numbers of results returned for each source type may list up to 1000+ results. Selecting the corresponding link may further narrow search results to: Newspapers, Magazines and References.

You searched for: [Search](#) 









434 All Articles 	221 Newspapers 	178 Magazines 	1 Reference 	100 Graphics 
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Details: [Show](#) | [Hide](#)


Sort: [Relevance](#) | [Date](#) | [Lexile](#) 












Legend:  Source  Summary  Descriptors  Graphics

Check items and select "Update Tagged List" below.

- [The President's Council on Bioethics: Human Cloning and Human...](#)   
President's Council on Bioethics July 2002; Lexile Score: 1390; 48K, SIRS Researcher
- [Bad Copies: How Popular Media Represent Cloning As an Ethical Problem](#)   
Heatinga Center Report March/April 1998; Lexile Score: 1360; 39K, SIRS Researcher
- [Cloning Humans](#)   
Free Inquiry Summer 1997; Lexile Score: 1190; 49K, SIRS Researcher

Part 4: Working Within the Full-Text Document

The full-text article is accessed by clicking the article title. The article display page lists the source, date, page number(s), article title and author. In addition, any search term(s) used to locate the article are bolded within the text. The [1st Keyword](#) link scrolls the page to the first occurrence of such a key word. The arrow  indicators scroll the page to either the previous or next key word instances. In addition, the following features are available:

 Results List	Results List returns to the previous search results list.
 Tag	Tag adds the article or document to your Tagged list enabling you to e-mail, save, or create a bibliography.
 E-mail	E-mail sends the full text, source, summary and, /or graphics to your personal e-mail address.
 Clean Copy for Printing	Clean Copy for Printing loads a printer-friendly version of the article text, removing all keyword indicators and, inline graphics.
 Source	Source loads the article source.
 Summary	Summary loads the article summary.
 Descriptors	Descriptors loads a list of words which describe the subject matter and, link to related resources.
 Graphics	Graphics loads accompanying graphics or graphics list.
 Printable PDF	Printable PDF loads a printable version in Adobe's Portable Document Format.
 Bookmark	Bookmark creates a shortcut to a clean copy of the article text and, saves it in Internet Explorer's Favorites list for up to 60 days.
 Top	Top scrolls the window to the top of the page.