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Introductions

- School
- Role
- Any experience (that you know of) with OER?



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What is OER?



Source: [What is OER](#), 2016

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Why OER?

For Students

- Affordability
- Access
- Quality

For Instructors

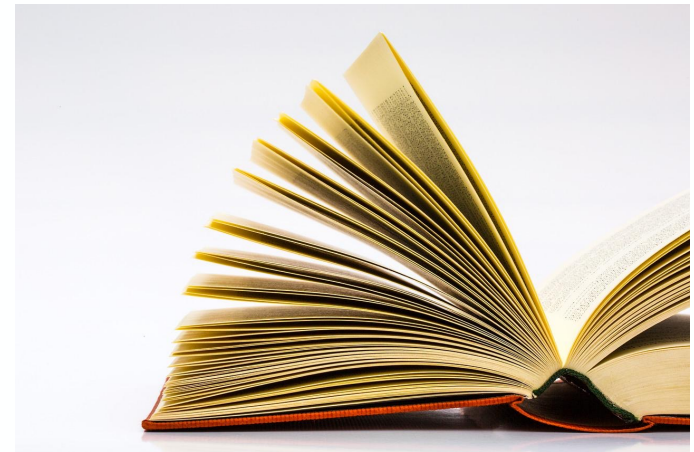
- Academic Freedom
- Impact
- Remote Teaching



Where to Find OER?

K-12 Repository Examples:

- Utah's Open Textbook Project:
<https://www.uen.org/oer/>
- CK-12:
<https://www.ck12.org/teacher/>
- OER Commons:
<https://www.oercommons.org/>





Searching with Savannah

OER at USU (2014 – Present)

- Student Savings: \$3.4 million
- Students Affected: 40,000
- Unique Courses using OER: 172
- Unique Instructors: 262
- 23 Gen Ed classes
- 37 Grant awards
- 8,000 students saved \$888K in 2021-2022 school year



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Hey future Aggie!

Thought much about college textbook costs?
Course materials can be expensive - let us help!



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**ZERO COST
COURSE MATERIALS**

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Discussion Questions:

- Do you and/or your students know what makes something an OER vs another free or affordable resource?
- What has your experience been with using and/or teaching with OER?
- What kind of feedback have you received from students about OER?

Links and Resources

- [UEN Open Educational Resources](#)
- [Creative Commons Licenses](#)
- [Thing x: OER](#) from Cool Tools for Schools
- [20 OER Sites every K-12 Educator Should Know](#) from Hapara
- [The OER Starter Kit](#) from Iowa University Press
- [Brief FAQs on OER for K-12 Educators](#)
- [Pixaby](#) (copyright-free images, music, and videos)
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