

Introduction

- ◆ **Open Educational Resources**, known as **OER** are important materials that are offered to students for certain classes because they are more affordable, and many are free.¹
- ◆ The following **OER** explanatory materials are designed to aid in simplifying and understanding what **OER** resources are available and where they can best be located.
- ◆ There are 7 parts to the **OER** informational documents, each offering an additional level of detail,² plus two supplementary documents with further details.

Description of Parts

Part 1: OER at a Glance

A quick explanatory overview of what **OER** is, and why it is important to use **OER**.

Part 2: OER Resources: Usage Rights

Explanation of the symbols found on various documents and media (sometimes referred to as objects) showing what kind of copyright usages are allowed by the author or publisher of the images, documents or materials.

Part 3: Some OER Resources in Detail

There are many sources available, but this explanatory page offers abstracts of some of the main websites noted and their offerings for locating appropriate materials for a course or for courses.

Part 4: Additional OER Resources

This listing covers more sources than are not noted in Part 3.³

Part 5: Chart of OER Resources⁴

OER Resources can be challenging to locate for certain subjects. The chart offers suggested sites. Whereas many materials are peer-reviewed, it is the responsibility of the instructor to verify materials and author credentials.

Part 6: Contact Information for Certain Sources noted

Part 7: Notations on Supplementary Materials of Part 8 and 9.

Part 8: Achieve: Rubrics for Evaluating Open Education Resource (OER) Objects

Part 9: Freeing the Textbook: Educational Resources in U.S. Education, 2018

Notes

1 -- See Part 2, Usage Rights.

2 -- It should be noted that websites can change, be modified, added or deleted. Resources available at creation of documents, Fall 2019.

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4 -- There are two main aspects to OER. The guides listed above are for users (ie students) and for faculty recommendations.

There are additional sources available for faculty to publish and those are not specifically covered in these documents.

