



OER Resources: What is OER? Finding OER Textbooks

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## A. What is OER? How OER works?

1. [OER Starter Kit](#) (Open Education Centralia College)
2. [How to Use Open Education Resources. a Workshop](#) (Open Washington)
3. [OER Mythbusting](#) (European Open EDU Policy Project)
4. [“Seven Things You Should Know about Open Educational Resources”](#)  
(Educause)
5. [“The Five R’s of OER”](#) (OpenContent)
6. [“Open Educational Resources”](#) (a more extensive guide from JISC)
7. [OER Glossary](#) (CA-OERC)

## B. What is an Open textbook?

1. [“Open Textbook FAQ”](#) (BCcampus)
2. [“Open Textbooks: Why? What? How? When?”](#) (Jia Frydenberg and Gary W. Matkin, Hewlett Foundation, 2007, pdf)
3. [“A multi-institutional study of the impact of open textbook adoption on the learning outcomes of post-secondary students”](#) (Lane Fischer, John Hilton III, T. Jared Robinson, David A. Wiley, *Journal of Computing in Higher Education*, Dec 2015, 27:3, 159-172, pdf)
4. Quality: [Rubric for peer-reviewing open textbooks](#) (CA-OER Council)
5. [“What Is a CC \(Creative Commons\) License?”](#) (Creative Commons)

## Finding open textbooks

- A. [California Online Open Library for Education](#) (includes peer-reviewed open textbooks for the 50 most highly enrolled courses across CCC, CSU, and UC)
- B. [Getting Started with OER, Dr. Ruth Guthrie 3/11/16 \(video\)](#)
- C. [MERLOT](#) (extensive collection of OER materials, ranging from textbooks to course modules)
- D. [OpenStax College](#) (a collection of highly-rated open textbooks for higher education)
- E. [BCCampus](#) (a finding guide to open textbooks)
- F. [College Open Textbooks](#)
- G. [Open Textbook Library](#)
- H. [Highly Rated Textbooks](#) (of CA-OERC reviewed OER textbooks)
- I. [“Finding Open Textbooks and Fostering Faculty Adoptions”](#) (video)

## Mathematics

- [WebWork](#) from Mathematical Association of America (MAA)
- [My Open Math](#) (Lumen)
- [WebAssign](#)

## History

- [Reacting to the Past Consortium Library](#)

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