

# WHAT ARE OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES (OER)?

## TRUE

OER are teaching & learning resources

OER are free to use!

The U.S. average annual cost of course materials is over \$1,000 per student

OER are a form of economic justice

OER must be in the public domain or licensed for open sharing

OER can be tailored to a faculty's syllabus

## FALSE

OER are all low-quality

OER cost money

OER authors receive royalties for their work

OER authors don't get credit for the work they've created

OER aren't peer reviewed

OER can't replace a publisher's textbook an instructor has used for years

OER have saved MSU students over \$1.5M in the past three years!  
More information at <https://guides.lib.montana.edu/oer>