

OER Collections

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- With [OER Commons](#) you can search and browse resource collections such as full courses, interactive mini-lessons, open textbooks, worksheets, and more.
- [OASIS](#) is a helpful OER search engine created and managed by the State University of New York.
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- Florida's [Orange Grove](#) contains OER resources for higher education. Use the search instructions on each page to help you craft an effective search within their tool.

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