

OER Finding and Adopting Guide for Instructors: Worksheet

<p>1. Define your need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Find selected open resources or replace a whole textbook? b. Keywords to search for topic, unit, or course c. Format or medium preference 	
<p>2. Search:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Try many different sites and many different keywords and strategies b. Keep track of sites you've searched and keywords you've used c. Ask other OER adopters in your discipline what materials they use 	
<p>3. Identify & Evaluate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. This stage is perhaps the most different from the process for selecting a traditional textbook. Use these criteria in your selection process: 	<p>Quality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Peer review available <input type="checkbox"/> Reputation of author and/or institution <input type="checkbox"/> Pedagogy <p>Appropriateness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Accuracy of content <input type="checkbox"/> Alignment with course objective or learning outcome <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate reading level (see https://readable.io/text/) <p>Technical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Technical quality (clear visuals, high production value) <input type="checkbox"/> Clear licensing declaration (Creative Commons or other)
<p>4. Adoption:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Who might you consult or inform of your choice to change materials? 	<p>Possible stakeholders or local experts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Dean or Department head <input type="checkbox"/> LMS (Talon) expert; instructional designer <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Services or ADA Officer, to ensure the content you've selected will be accessible by those with vision, hearing or other disability
<p>5. Use:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How will students access this resource? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Will you post materials to your own site (LMS or other) <input type="checkbox"/> Do you want students to have an option to print sections or order a printed & bound copy?