

OLTD 512-Reflection of Evidence #1 Infographic OER vs Free Resources

I have chosen my Infographic explaining my understanding of OER (Open Educational Resources) vs Free resources for my first piece of evidence. For this project, we were asked to create a brief explanation of both options for resources. This piece was to get us to consider resources and their availability and restrictions as we learned about instructional design and resources.

For this evidence, the following OLTD 512 objectives were considered.

- Be familiar with common terms, definitions and elements related to Instructional Design.
- Analyse Free and Open resources (OERs) and the history different perspectives of the Open Movement.

While creating this brief infographic, I realized that when considering resource materials as we look at design, there were many elements to consider. By understanding the difference between free and open, the way I plan could be impacted. Using free resources allows me to have a sample of a resources which I may decide to use with respecting the automatic copyright rules which apply. This may mean I will eventually need to pay a fee if I want to continue to use the resources as it may only be partially available and for a limited time. OER are also free but have different licensing attached for the user to respect. By including OERs in my planning, there are options to retain, reuse, revise, remix and redistribute following the Creative Commons licensing system which permits the user to creatively use the resource in education. Understanding all the components of Creative Commons licensing takes time. It is important to understand that there are options and to respect them. This movement of open resources helps me have access to current, and contextualized resources. It supports a pedagogy of sharing and support in education.

As an online educator, it is important to be aware of resources that are available to me and my students. Having access to all these resources gives me greater variety in offering my learners the best resources for our learning. I've also considered the time it takes to find the appropriate resource as I research online and am hit with the firehose of options for resources. Sifting through and considering resources can be very time consuming. Setting up a system to organize resources such as a google form or excel sheet, would be a smart way to keep them in a secure place to be able to update, revise and edit as needed.