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Educational
Resources
Finding, using, making

To every cow belongs its calf; to every book its copy."

A Textbook Case – *or, the case of the textbook?*

- How aware are you of the costs of textbooks for students in your courses?

- Do you expect your students to use e-book versions rather than original printed volumes? What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of these?

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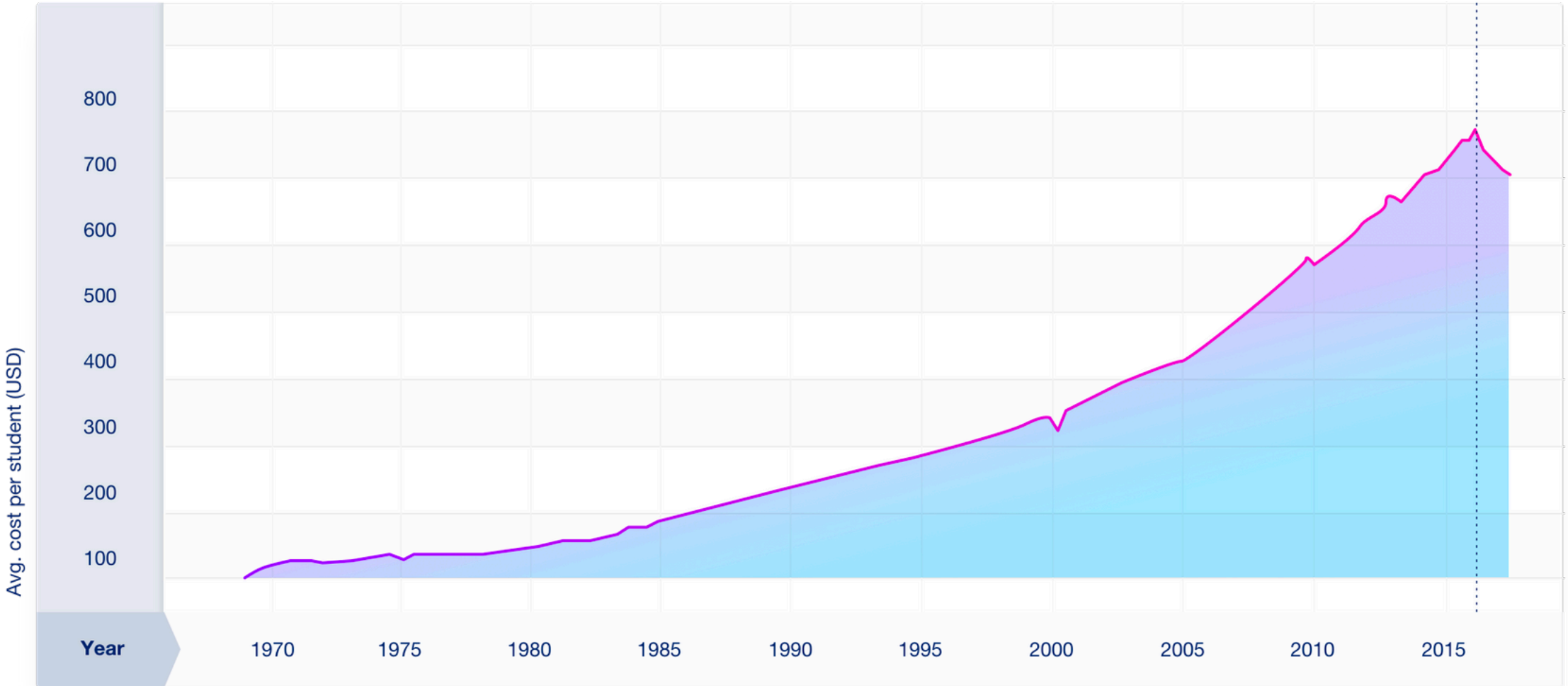

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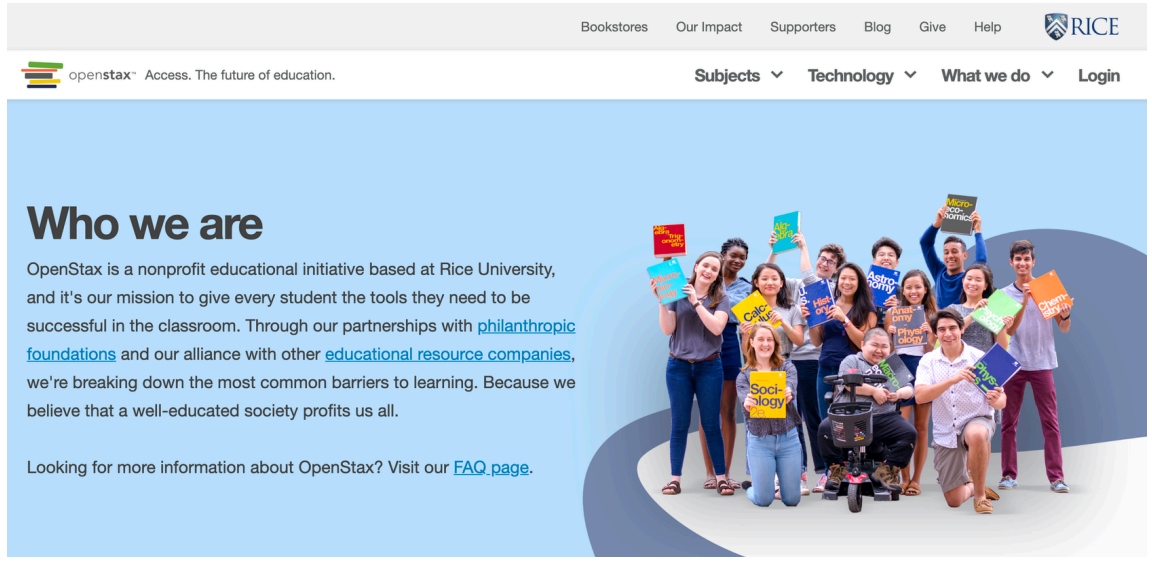

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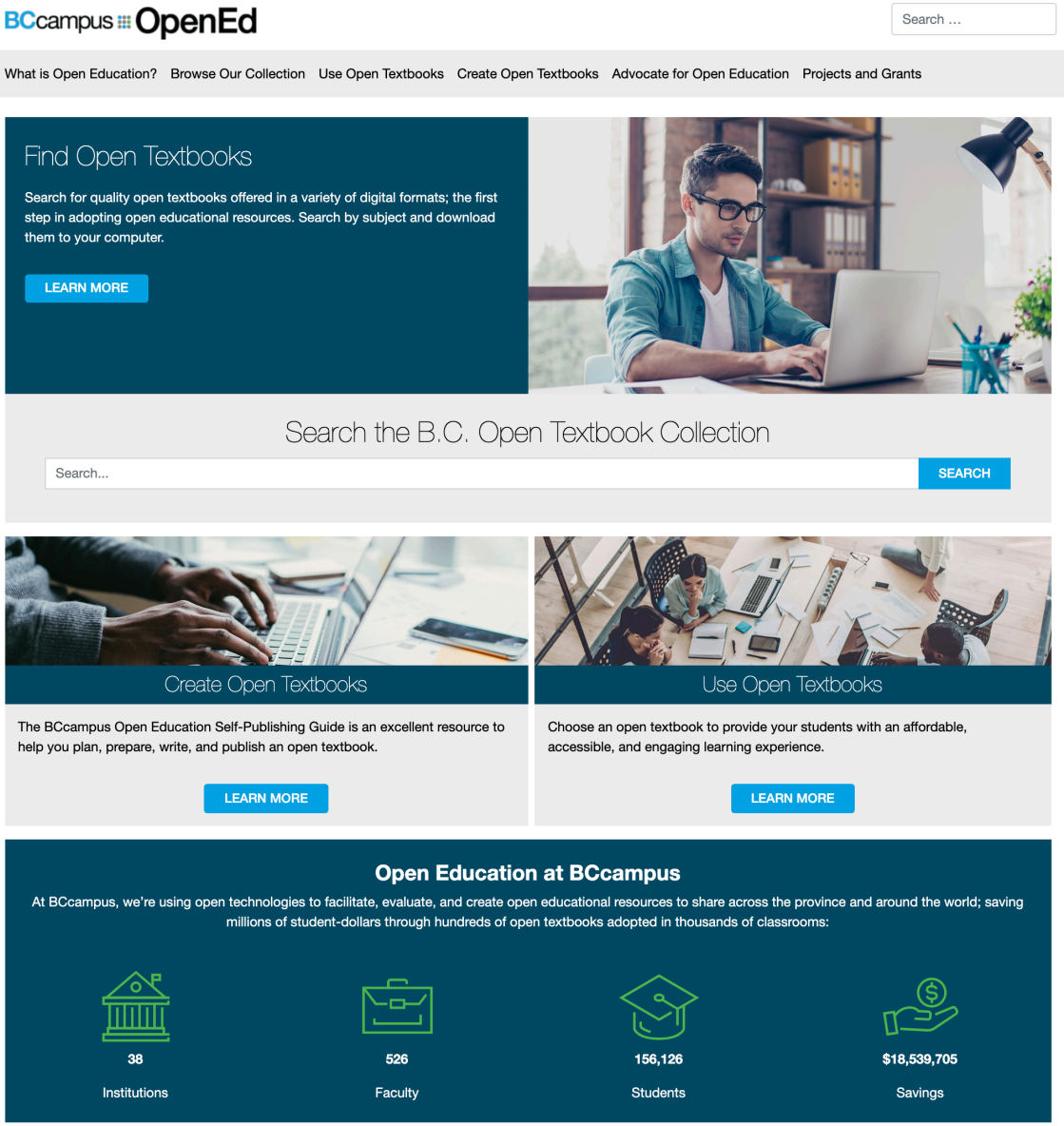

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Your subject area?

Do you already use Open Textbooks?

Can you find any examples of Open Textbooks?

Could you write an Open Textbook?

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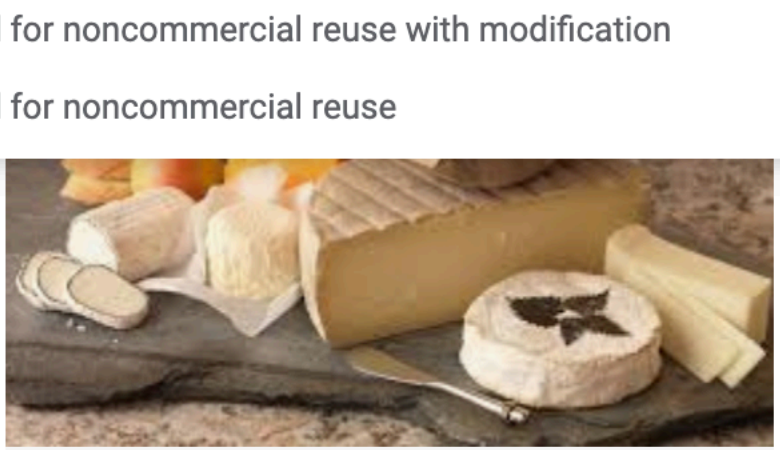

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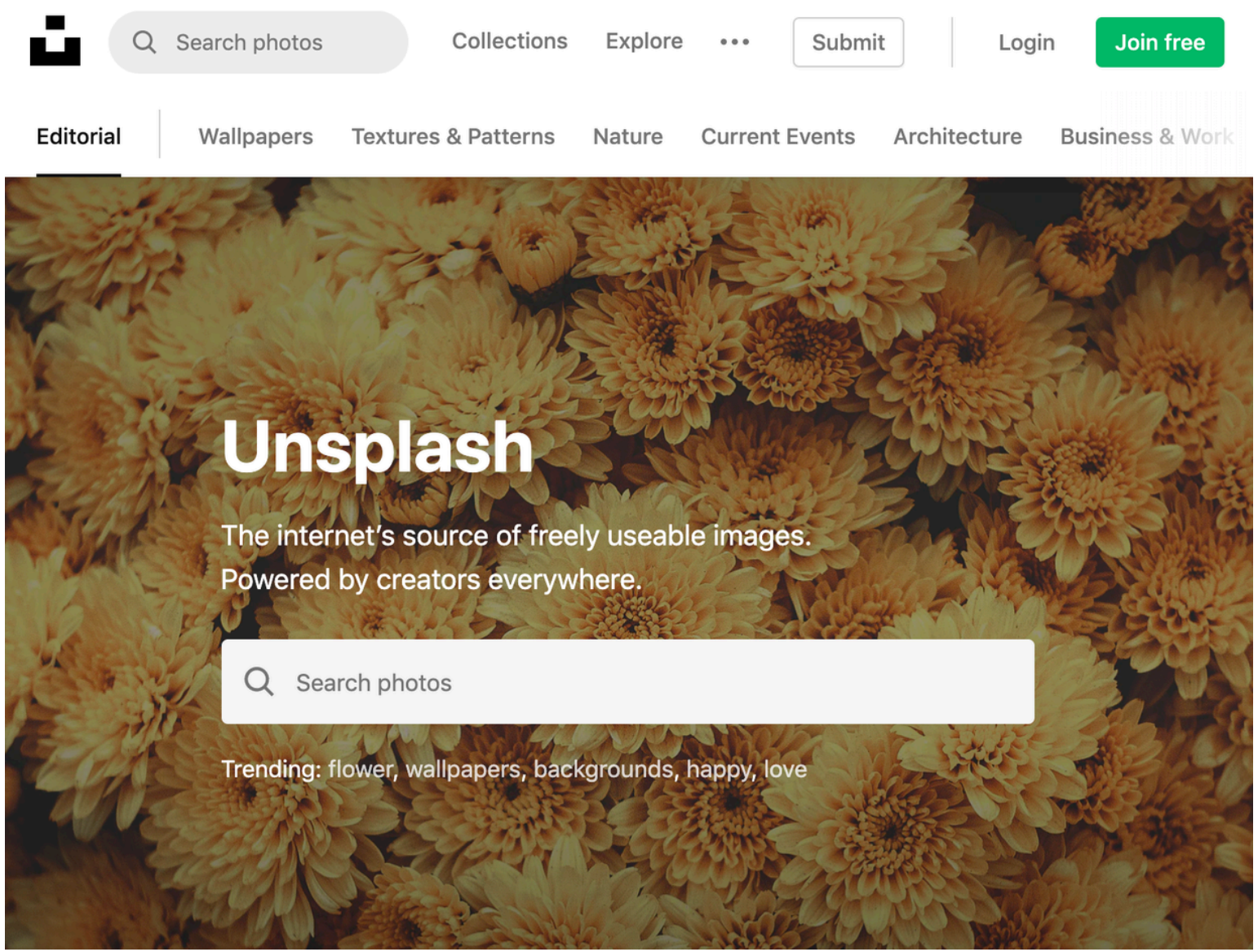
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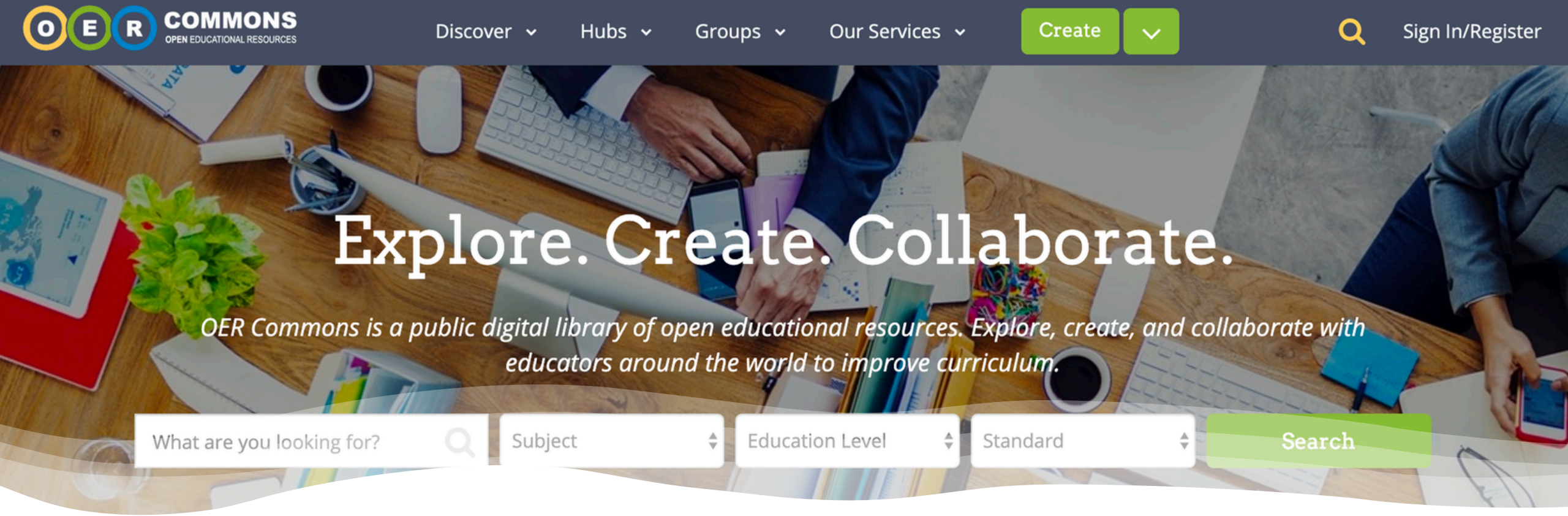

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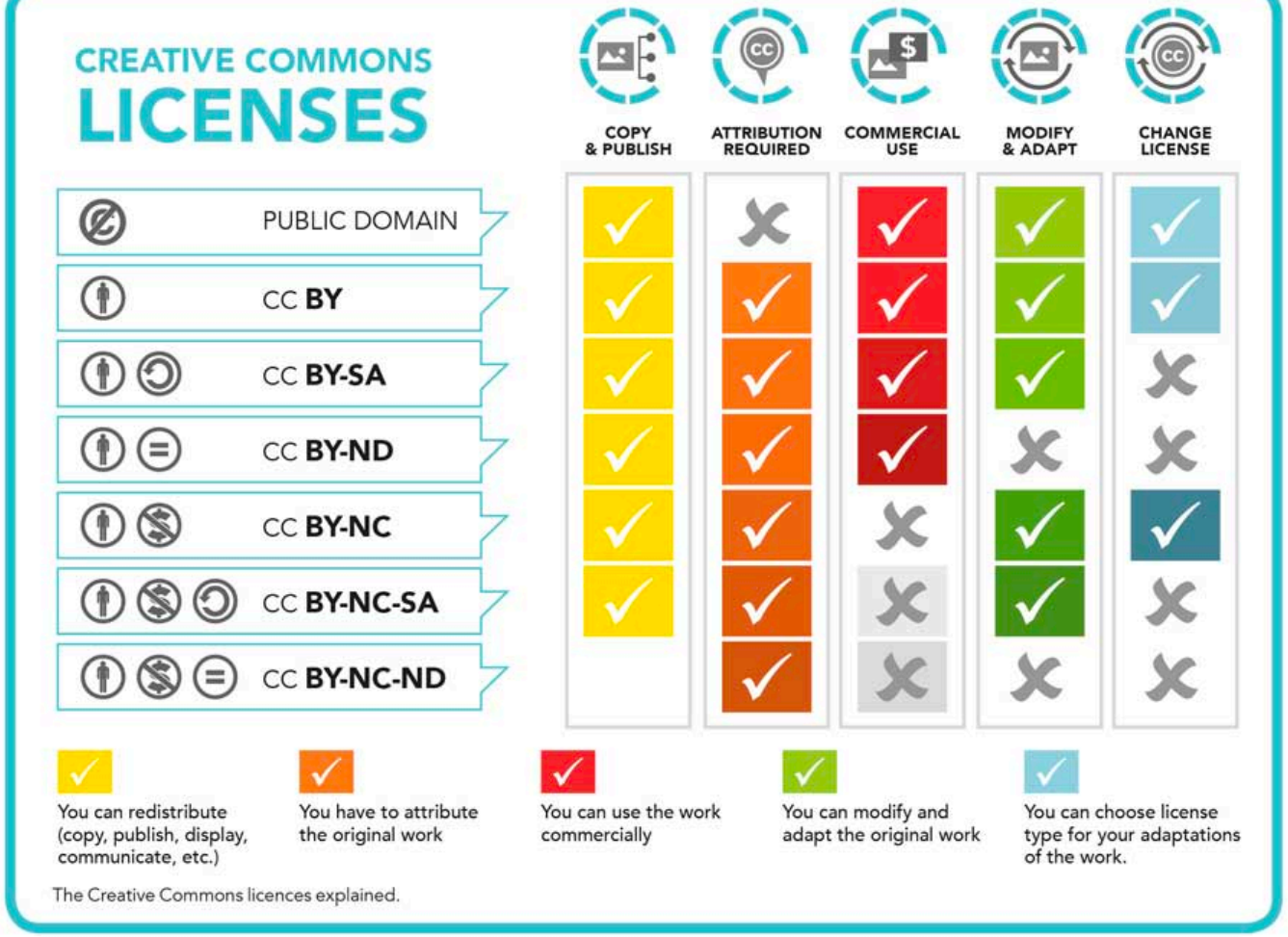

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- Resources you can find
- Resources you'd love to have the time to make
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