OA and OER

Open access and open education are closely related, but separate concepts. Both concepts encourage openness and sharing.

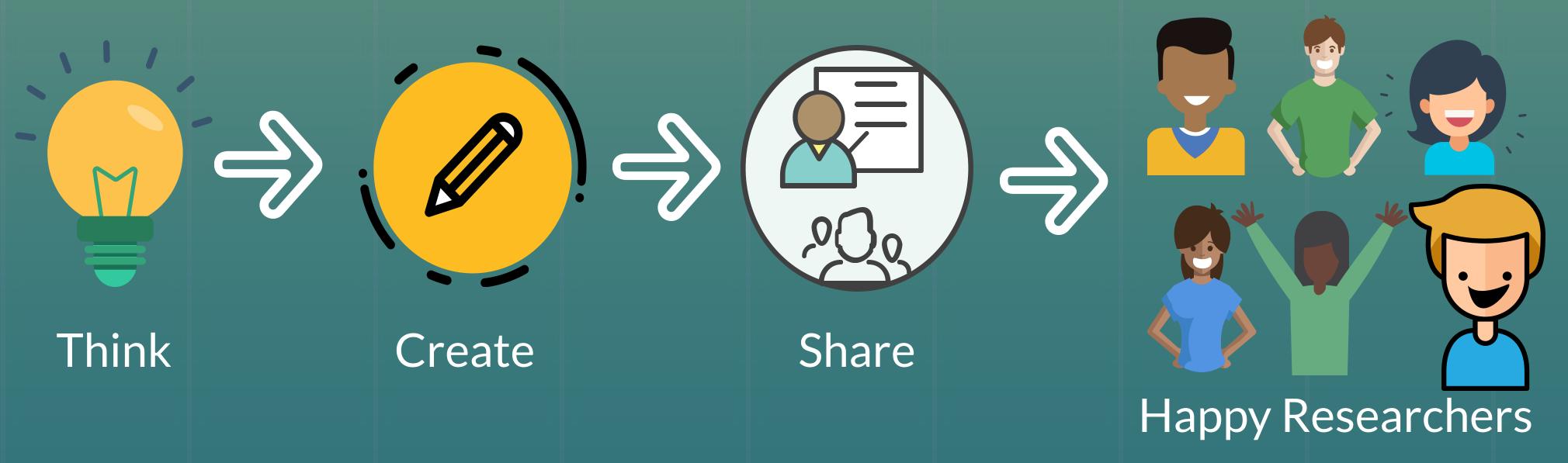
Open Access

Open Education

- Open access (OA) usually refers to scholarly literature that is freely available online.
- With OA, free access to the work is the primary concern.
- OA work is frequently licensed for reuse with Creative Commons licenses.
- OA can also include research data.
- By reducing access barriers, open access helps improve the reproducibility of science and may speed the pace of discoveries.

- Open education/open educational resources (OER) refers to sharing teaching materials freely online.
- With OER, reuse is very important. Educators want to be able to tweak a lesson plan or rearrange book chapters to fit the way they teach their class.
- With OER, students are able to access course materials, including textbooks, without paying a fee.
- OER helps improve teaching practice and student learning.

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