

Copyright Matters

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1. Why should I care about Copyright?

- You need to provide a model for your students
- It protects you too
- It's the law

2. I'm a teacher, isn't everything covered by fair use?

- What is Fair Use?
- How do I know if I'm within the realm of Fair Use?
- What if I'm not in the realm of fair use?

What is Fair Use

The Fair-Use Statute Section 107 of the Copyright Act of 1976:

Limitations on exclusive rights: Fair use

Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 106 and 106A, the fair use of a copyrighted work, including such use by reproduction in copies or phonorecords or by any other means specified in that section, for purposes such as criticism, comment, news reporting, teaching (including multiple copies for classroom use), scholarship, or research, is not an infringement of copyright. In determining whether the use made of a work in any particular case is a fair use the factors to be considered shall include—

- *The purpose and character of the use, including whether such use is of a commercial nature or is for nonprofit educational purposes;*
- *The nature of the copyrighted work;*
- *The amount and substantiality of the portion used in relation to the copyrighted work as a whole; and*
- *The effect of the use upon the potential market for or value of the copyrighted work.*
- *The fact that a work is unpublished shall not itself bar a finding of fair use if such finding is made upon consideration of all the above factors.*
- <http://www.copyright.gov/title17/92chap1.html#107>

Some resources on Fair Use

- US Copyright Office - <http://www.copyright.gov/fls/fl102.html>
- Circular 21 – Reproduction of Copyrighted works for Educators and Librarians - <http://www.copyright.gov/circs/circ21.pdf>
- American Library Association - <http://www.ala.org/ala/washoff/WOissues/copyright/fairuseandelectronicreserves/ereservesFU.htm>

3. Ok, so how do I get permission to use copyrighted works?

- Write a letter/email to copyright holder asking for permission
 - Easier with private individual than publisher or corporation
- Check websites to see usage rules
- Copyright Clearinghouse – www.copyright.com
 - Payment may be required

4. Yikes! How do I find works that don't require permission?

- Podsafe Music Network - <http://music.podshow.com/>
- Yotophoto - <http://yotophoto.com/> - a graphics search engine
- Creative Commons - <http://creativecommons.org/> - a search tool for music, photos and more
- Open Library - <http://www.openlibrary.org/>
- Public domain image resources - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Public_domain_image_resources

5. This is intriguing! Where can I get more information?

- New SSCC Copyright website
 - Information that is easy to absorb
 - Lots of resources
 - Cool weblog
- New SSCC Copyright Newsletter
 - Monthly publication delivered to your email box
 - Answers common questions & offers sensible solutions
- Ask Me – I'm here all year to help you
