

Copyright and Fair Use

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A. Copyright Basics FAQ

1. What types of creative work does copyright protect?
2. Does copyright protect an author's creative ideas?
3. How long does a copyright last?

B. Copyright Protection: What It Is, How It Works

1. What role does a copyright notice play?
2. What is a valid copyright notice?
3. When can I use a work without the author's permission?

C. Copyright Ownership: Who Owns What?

1. What are the exceptions to the rule that the creator of a work owns the copyright?
2. Who owns the copyright in a joint work?
3. Can two or more authors provide contributions to a single work without being considered joint authors for copyright purposes?
4. What rights do copyright owners have under the Copyright Act?
5. Can a copyright owner transfer some or all of his specific rights?

D. Copyright Registration and Enforcement

1. Why should I register my work with the U.S. Copyright Office?
2. How do I register a copyright?
3. How are copyrights enforced? Is going to court necessary?

E. Videotaping for the Classroom

F. Copyrighting Your Software

G. Copyright Law Changes That May Affect You