



**IS MY USE  
A FAIR USE?**

## **YOU CONSIDER AND DECIDE!**

- Can I copy a part of a book?
- Can I print the article and pass out copies?
- Can I use that song in my presentation?
- Can I use those pictures in my presentation?
- Can I record the concert and send it to my friends?



## **WHAT COUNTS AS FAIR USE OF COPYRIGHTED MATERIAL?**

You must consider these 4 criteria to decide if it's Fair Use:

1. The **purpose** and character of the use - Did you transform the original?
2. The **nature** of the material - Is it factual, creative, consumable?
3. The **amount** used - Did you use only the amount necessary?
4. The **effect** on the market for the original - Are you taking someone's profits?



Checklist for Fair Use

## **DEFINITIONS**

- **Copyright:** rights given to the creators of original work, protect how the creations are copied, used, and distributed. Ideas cannot be copyrighted.
- **Fair Use:** right of people to use copyrighted works in a fair manner. Permission to use the copyrighted work is not needed if it falls under Fair Use.
- **Transform:** to convert the original to a new form and a new purpose.
- **Public Domain:** works that are not owned by anyone so are free for anyone to use for any purpose.

**WHEN USING ANY COPYRIGHTED WORK, GIVE CREDIT  
TO ITS CREATOR.**



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