

Copyright Law and Graphics on the Web

Use the websites provided on bvbusiness.com to answer the following questions thoroughly. DO NOT copy word-for-word from the website. You will get a zero.

Resources:

- http://www.cyberbee.com/cb_copyright.swf
- <http://www.copyright.gov/help/faq/faq-general.html>
- <http://www.templetons.com/brad/copymyths.html>
- <http://fairuse.stanford.edu/overview/>

1. List 5 examples of what copyright law protects.

Copyright laws protect various things. Most of the more known things it protects are authors, composers, movies, architecture, or poetry from being used without permission.

2. At what point in time is work officially copyrighted?

Any work that is created and the creator wants it copyrighted is allowed to do so the second that work is in a physical form and can be noticed by a machine, device, human, etc.

3. What is public domain? What are 3 websites that provide images that are public domain?

Public domain is anything that isn't copyrighted and free to use by the public. Google, Bing, and Flickr.

4. What is an attribution? How have you used attributions in this class this semester?

Attribution is giving the person you are borrowing the work from credit for the work. Yes, specifically when we use images we have cite them.

5. After reading the '10 Big Myths of Copyright' what is a myth that surprised you or your found interesting? Explain why.

I found it interesting that in the 90's it was a felony violating more than 10 copies that value over \$2500. The reason i found this interesting is because this can be done easily without you noticing and a felony i nothing to joke around with.

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Use the scenarios on bvbusiness.com and decide if the use is legal, illegal, or if more information is needed. Explain your answers below. Once you've thoroughly explained your answers below discuss with the person next to you. Be ready to share your opinion and explanation in class.

1. Scenario #1

Yes, I believe this is legal because even though the website isn't described as copyright or public domain he still gives credit to the creator of the work making it legal to use.

2. Scenario #2

I believe Susy is correct on this and what she is doing is legal because she got the images off of a U.S government website which is public domain. When something is public domain you are not required to give attribution to the creator of the work.

3. Scenario #3

No, because all images have to have someone they actually belong to whether there is copyright information or not. Timmy should have just cited the information and he would be fine.

Scenarios

1. Students in Mr. Johnson's web design class have been given an assignment to make a personal website. Timmy Thompson, a student in the class, loves snowboarding and wants to put some snowboarding pictures on his personal site. The only problem is that he doesn't have any good pictures of himself. So, Timmy searches for snowboarding images in his favorite search engine and finds a site with a number of good pictures he would like to use. He looks everywhere on the site, but doesn't see anything written that says the images are protected by copyright. Timmy downloads a few of the images and uses them on his personal website on the hobbies page. Although he is tempted to try and impress other students by passing the pictures off as his own, Timmy is a man of good conscience, and under each picture he cites the source of the image to give credit to the owner. From what you have learned about copyright law, would Timmy's use of the images be acceptable?
2. For their second project, students in Mr. Johnson's web design class have been instructed to create a website about their favorite place. The class just finished an activity where they learned about copyright law and Mr. Johnson warns the students that points will be deducted from their final score if he finds any copyright violations. Not wanting to jeopardize his grade, Timmy Thompson gets his parents to drive him to his favorite place and takes pictures to use on his website. When he gets to class the next day, students present their finished sites to the class. Timmy notices that Susie Simpson has used a bunch of pictures on her website that he knows must have been taken by a professional photographer. She didn't even site the source of the images. Timmy complains to Mr. Johnson that he thinks Susie used copyrighted images on her website. Susie defends herself, claiming that she got the images off of a U.S. government website and was allowed to use the images without restrictions because they were in the public domain. From what you have learned about copyright law, would Susy's use of the images be acceptable?
3. As a final project in Mr. Johnson's class, students have been tasked with creating a website for a local business in the community. Timmy Thompson picks his aunt's restuarant since he knows that she doesn't have a website already. While searching the Internet for ideas, Timmy comes across a stock photography website that has some really good close up pictures of different types of food. These images would be perfect for his project, so Timmy reads the usage restrictions for the images. Timmy is excited when he reads that the images require payment for commercial use, but are offered free for not-for profit or educational use. Since he is doing the project for a school assignment, Timmy downloads the images and uses them in his project. Timmy completes the final website and receives praise from everyone, including his aunt and Mr. Johnson, about how nice the site looks. From what you have learned about copyright law, would Timmy's use of the images be acceptable?