

A Creator's Rights - Copyright Unit Definitions

Directions

"411" stands for information. As a creator, you need information on how to protect and share creative work. Read the following definitions in class. Then, with a partner, read the sentences with the missing words. Choose the right word to fill in the blank. Each word is used once.

CREATIVE WORK: Any idea or artistic creation that is recorded in some form, whether it's hard copy or digital.

COPYRIGHT: A law that protects your control over the creative work you make so that people must get your permission before they copy, share, or perform your work.

CREATIVE COMMONS: A kind of copyright that makes it easier for people to copy, share, and build on your creative work, as long as they give you credit for it.

LICENSE: A clear way to define the copyright of your creative work so people know how it can be used.

PIRACY (PIRRACY): Stealing copyrighted work by downloading or copying it in order to keep, sell, or give it away without permission and without paying.

PLAGIARIZE: Copying, "lifting," or making slight changes to some or all of someone else's work and saying you created it.

PUBLIC DOMAIN: Creative work that's not copyrighted and therefore free for you to use however you want.

FAIR USE: The ability to use a small amount of copyrighted work without permission, but only in certain ways and in specific situations (schoolwork and education, news reporting, criticizing or commenting on something, and comedy/parody).

1. Amy decided to _____ her paper for class by copying and pasting from Wikipedia and saying she wrote it.
2. Because Zoe used a small amount of a movie in a remix video she made that pokes fun at the main character, she could say it's _____ .
3. Robbie found a photo in the _____ that's no longer copyrighted, so he could use it however he wants.
4. Angela has a Flickr page with all of her photos, and in order to define for others how she wants her photos to be used, she created a copyright _____ that is listed on her page.
5. Alex had an idea for a poem in his head for the longest time, but once he finally wrote it down it instantly had a _____.
6. Eric uses a program where he “rips” movies and “burns” them to DVDs, which he then sells to friends. What Eric is doing is called _____ .
7. When Dwayne used a kind of copyright to make it easy for others to copy and share his video, he was using _____ .
8. Books, movies, music, websites, games, and pieces of art are all examples of _____ .