

## HANDOUT #1

Lesson: “Copyright & Fair Use: Know Your Rights as a Creator!”

Description: This lesson will teach 5th and 6th Graders about copyright and fair use, and then ask them to think about these terms from the perspective of the creator

### Learning Goals/Objectives:

- The student will learn the definitions of the terms ‘Copyright’ & ‘Fair Use,’ including the four points of fair use, and under which circumstances copyrighted work can legally be used.
- The student will learn how to think about these terms as being relevant from a creator’s perspective, in contrast to a user-focused perspective that they may be more familiar with.
- The student will practice applying the principles of fair use onto different examples of created work, and gain an understanding of what it means to ‘license’ a piece of created work.

### Key Steps of Lesson:

1. Lecture: Learn the definitions of copyright & fair use, through a Common Sense Media video and short recap
2. Think, Pair, Share: Two questions will be discussed with a partner, relating to themselves as creators, and about copyright/fair use principles from the perspective of the creator
3. Short exercise: The student will apply what they have learned about fair use to three different scenarios. Each scenario features the student imagining themselves as a creator of a different type of work.

#### Helpful Definitions (Partially adapted from Common Sense Media):

**COPYRIGHT:** a law that protects a creator’s ownership of and control over the work he or she creates, requiring other people to get the creator’s permission before they copy, share, or perform that work

**FAIR USE:** a legal principle that allows the free use of copyright-protected works in the specific contexts of:

- schoolwork and education
- news reporting
- criticizing or commenting
- and comedy or parody

**THE FOUR POINTS\*\* OF FAIR USE** (If a copyright-protected piece of work is shared, or re-used, it can be done so under these guidelines):

1. If only a small amount of the original work is used
2. If new meaning is added to the work, in order to make it original
3. If the work is repurposed, and used in a different way
4. If work is being used for a nonprofit purpose

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