



Internet Ethics

Many times students think that because the internet is open to the public that anything on the internet is open for use by anyone. They claim “Public Domain”, thinking that unless otherwise stated something on the internet is available to be used by all. This is completely incorrect. This lesson is to help you to see how the copyright laws apply to the internet.

To learn about this you will go to a site on the internet which discusses copyright laws as they apply to the internet. The URL for the site is: <http://whatiscopyright.org/> . Go to the site and read it. Then answer the following questions and type them out using the “Word” program found in the Applications folder on your computer. **Type out your answers in complete sentences.**

1. What is the source material for the information given on this web site?
2. Using your own words define what copyright is.
3. Using your own words tell when copyright starts and what is need for something to be copyrighted.
4. Tell when copyright expires.
5. What does the copyright symbol mean?
6. Name 3 situations that you can use things on the internet for any use.
7. Describe how you can use “free” graphics according to the information on the website.
8. Are Fonts and Dingbats copyrighted?
9. What about if you change the image or writing that was on someone’s website?
10. What is “Fair Use”?

Turn in for points: (10 pts)

Print out the answers and put them in your “Assignment” notebook.