

Copyright Law Q & A

<p>Why do we have Copyright Law?</p>	<p>To promote learning and the dissemination of knowledge.</p>
<p>When I'm using a portion of a copyrighted material in a classroom setting, how do I proceed?</p>	<p>Before using copyrighted materials, think and make a judgment based on these four areas of the Fair Use Guidelines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Purpose of the use → materials should be used for specific educational programs and curricular tie-ins. 2. Nature of the work → use only the portions of the work that pertain to the objectives; avoid using large portions of creative work (short stories, novels) as the law is more strictly applied here. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Consumable materials</i> (workbooks, test prep materials, etc.) should never be copied. 3. Amount of the work → excerpts are fine (i.e. a single chapter); ensure that work being used directly relates to the objectives being taught. 4. Effect of the Use on the Market → will copying this portion of the material harm the market sale? <p>Additional information: https://www.lib.uchicago.edu/copyrightinfo/fairuse.html https://libguides.ala.org/copyright/fairuse</p>
<p>What about Teachers Pay Teachers?</p>	<p>While TpT has refined their processes of checking the authorship of materials uploaded on their website, teachers who use this service should always give credit to the original author. Please read this article for additional information about TpT material that was repurposed from an original work and sold on the website: http://bit.ly/30yEGp0</p>
<p>Can I show movies in my classroom?</p>	<p>Yes, if the library or you own a physical copy (digital copy is fine too) of the video/movie in question and the video/movie has direct connections to the learning objectives of the lesson.</p> <p>Other reminders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Video performance only pertains to face-to-face teaching experiences ● Try to show video/movie clips, not the entirety, unless it pertains to the educational objective. <p>If you are showing a video for entertainment purposes (like a PTA event or an extended day activity) each school has a SWANK K-12 Movie License that permits the school to show entertainment films. This license is in the library.</p>
<p>Can I show movies from streaming services I subscribe to?</p>	<p>Streaming services like Netflix, Hulu, Amazon Prime, and others have very particular usage agreement.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Netflix → you can only show films from Netflix that are marked as “documentary”; read this article for more information: https://help.netflix.com/en/node/57695 2. Amazon and Hulu → Only for personal, non-commercial streaming (NOT allowed in a classroom)

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