

# Copyright

## The Basics



Creative works in a fixed form are automatically under copyright (books, works of art).

### **Creators Have the Right To:**

- Reproduce
- Create derivative works
- Distribute copies
- Perform or display the work publicly

### **Fair Use**

You may be able to use a copyrighted work under "fair use" exemptions. Fair use takes into account:

- Educational uses such as teaching, research, scholarship, & criticism
- Nonprofit use
- News reporting
- How much of the original work is used
- The impact on the market for the original work

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