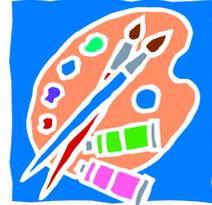
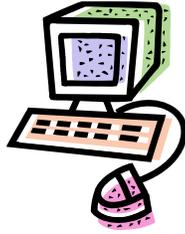


# © Copyright & Fair Use in the Classroom



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**1. YOU are the owner of original work you create *the moment it's created*.**

This means that any documented or recorded original work is protected under copyright laws without needing to apply for copyright privileges.

**2. It is infringement to take another person's work without permission.**

Infringement applies to words, illustrations, tables, and charts, music and other recordings. It also applies to the characteristics of a work such as appearance, layout, and format. Giving the author credit does not allow you to copy/use their work.

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