

Why Should I Care About Copyright?

Definition

Copyright means you have permission to copy something.

Why do we need copyright?

Because artists, writers, musicians and performers deserve to make money off of what they create.


What can be copyrighted?

Just about ANY original work. If you create something, you own the rights to it! The narrative you wrote in Language Arts class? You own the copyright! The project you made in science? That belongs to you too!



Music
Movies
TV Shows
Dances
Paintings
Sculptures
Cartoons
Characters
Stories
Books
and Much More!

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