

Copyright Awareness Week

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Lesson Plan for Upper Elementary / Middle School Classes: “Copyright Web”

Goals of the Lesson:

1. To help students understand the basics of “Copyright.”
2. To define and understand Copyright Protection.
3. To identify what types of works have Copyright Protection.

Teacher notes:

Read information on Copyright Overview for Discussion and Copyright Basics located on Copyright Awareness Week website: Photocopy and distribute to each student.

Read through the Copyright definitions and discuss. (Clarify terms *if necessary*).

Find “Copyright Web” Sheet and “Copyright Homework/Quiz” below and Photocopy and distribute to each student. Decide whether to use these as handouts for school Lesson Plan or as homework.

If used in Lesson Plan: Read aloud, noting all the creative areas “protected” by U.S. Copyright Law. Discuss with students.

Teacher / student discussion and explanation:

Class discussion: “Does anyone know what “Copyright” means?”

Brainstorm: List all student responses on the board (using all student words and phrases.) **Read** the completed list aloud (*whether it is correct or not - you will be referring to this list again later in lesson*), noting all the creative areas “protected” by U.S. Copyright Law. Discuss with students.

Define “Copyright protection”: Other people may not copy your work or make changes to your work unless you give them your permission. Discuss. Refer to Copyright Overview and Copyright Basics.

Refer to the original student generated list on the board defining “Copyright.”

Ask: Is everything that we listed here true? Now that you know more about copyright, do we have to add, change or remove any words on the list? If yes, which ones?

Instruct the students to fill in the blank spaces on the “Copyright Web” by listing other types of protected works. (This can be done in the class or at home.)

Instruct the students to fill in the blank spaces on the Homework and/or Quiz on Copyright. (This can be done in class or at home).

Respect Copyright Protection!
Celebrate Creativity!!!!

Copyright: Homework and/or Quiz

1. What is creativity?
2. What are the exclusive rights included in the copyright law?
3. When does a work become protected by copyright?
4. Where do I register a copyright I created?
5. What does a notice of copyright look like and what does it tell you?
6. What kinds of works are protected by Copyright?
7. What kinds of works are not protected by Copyright?
8. What is copyright infringement?
9. Who is hurt by copyright infringement?
10. Does copyright infringement hurt authors? How?
11. What is a fair use?
12. Why should everyone celebrate creativity?

COPYRIGHT WEB: CREATIONS PROTECTED BY COPYRIGHT

DIRECTIONS: Complete the Copyright Web. What other types of creations are protected by Copyright?

