

Copyright Law...Follow It!

WHAT IS COPYRIGHT?

Copyright is the right of an author or artist to control the copying and use of his/her creative works. Taking something without permission is theft, including text and pictures from the Internet. Remember, **copyright is the law!!**

THINGS THAT ARE PROTECTED BY COPYRIGHT:

Literary Works (like books)

Computer Software (like games on the internet)

Musical Works (like words to songs)

Dramatic Works (like plays)

Motion Pictures (like movies/videos from TV)

Sound Recordings (like songs)

WHAT IS PLAGIARISM?

Using someone else's words without giving them credit for their work is called plagiarism. Avoid Plagiarism by using proper citations.

WHAT CAN YOU COPY?

"Fair Use" concept lets teachers and students use very small pieces of copyrighted works without the author's or artist's permission.

Also, many items are labeled "copyright free." Anyone can use these, if they use proper citations (showing where they got the items.)