

COPYRIGHT FOR TEACHERS

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WHY IS COPYRIGHT IMPORTANT?

Did you know that the **Copyright Act** was amended in **2012** to include educational institutions?

Teachers must **model** obedience to Copyright Laws and explicitly **teach** students about Copyright. This will ensure the learners of today and leaders of tomorrow produce original work while crediting others (i.e. avoiding plagiarism).

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COPYRIGHT GUIDELINES IN BRIEF

Teachers may display and reproduce **short excerpts** of copyright protected work **for educational purposes only**.

- Short excerpts means up to 10% of a work
- You can copy from:
 - Reproducibles and NOT consumables (e.g., workbook)
 - Publicly available internet sources (e.g., Youtube and those not requiring a password)
 - **Fair use audiovisuals** (e.g., from Wikimedia Commons, Photos for Class, Videvo, Pexels, Royalty Free Music on Bensound, AudioLibrary from Youtube)
- **Non-educational purposes** include using music as background music in the classroom, cafeteria, or for school performances.
 - In these cases, you need to pay tariffs to SOCAN and Re:Sound.



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FOR MORE INFORMATION

1. Review the Copyright Matters Handbook for teachers.
2. Use the step-by-step Fair Dealing Decision Tool for teachers.
3. Access VSB's Copyright webpage for teachers.
4. Chat with your teacher librarian and the copyright specialist at your school! Hint: They may be the same person.



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