



Fair Use in Education

Happy back to school! Fair Use is a critical right protected by our nation's copyright law. Though you may not realize it, Fair Use is essential to a creative, collaborative and inclusive education system. A few examples of how Fair Use is important to everyday tasks in education include:

- A student uses a block quote from S.E. Hinton's *The Outsiders* in her English paper.
- Students create a podcast episode about MLK Jr's "I Have A Dream" speech, using audio excerpts to illustrate their discussion.
- Students rewrite the popular Beatles song "Revolution" from the point of view of a British loyalist as the class studies the American Revolution for AP US History.
- A government teacher posts campaign ads from 1980 and 2016 to Blackboard and asks students to compare their tone and content as they prepare for a mock election.
- A student uses ChatGPT to generate potential titles for his opinion column for the student newspaper.
- In Literature class, students create comics to visually retell *To Kill a Mockingbird* from the point of view of different characters.
- A teacher prints out excerpts from a recent Malcolm Gladwell essay in the New Yorker to use for an in-class exercise on reading critically and annotating.
- An art student creates a surrealist collage using clippings from old fashion magazines provided by her art teacher.
- A visually-impaired student uses text-to-speech to enjoy an accessible format of *A Wrinkle in Time* for English class.
- A teacher makes worksheets showing three translations of the same passage from Beowulf for students to compare and analyze.

About Fair Use:

Fair use allows for the use of copyrighted materials for a socially beneficial and transformative purpose without permission from the copyright holder. Fair use is determined based on four factors:

- 1 the purpose and character of the use
- 2 the amount and substantiality of the portion taken
- 3 the nature of the work
- 4 the effect of the use on the market for the original work

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