

Copyright Quiz Questions and Answers

Test your CQ (copyright quotient) through this short true/false quiz. Answers are on the back.

True	False	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1. All authored works must have a copyright notice or bear the © symbol to be protected by U.S. copyright law.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2. If material is copied for educational purposes, it is not violating copyright law.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3. An instructor comes to class with twenty four copies, one for each student in the class, of an academic journal article that was just published. She does not need to seek permission from the copyright holder.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Course packs sold via the PCC Bookstore require copyright permission.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5. An instructor rents <i>The Last Emperor</i> to show in the classroom to his history students who are studying early twentieth century Chinese history. He is violating copyright law.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6. An instructor scans three chapters from an expensive textbook for his course and uploads a PDF file of the chapters to his WebCT site for students to read. His students will need only these chapters from this textbook to complete class assignments. This is fair use and not a violation of copyright law.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	7. An instructor copies an image from the NASA website and adds it to his course website. This is allowed under copyright law.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	8. On her home VCR, a sociology instructor taped an original ABC News Nightline report on the Patriot Act. She uses the entire news program every term in her classroom. She does not need to seek permission.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	9. An instructor would like to put a single fact-based journal article on electronic reserves for his biology class. The instructor used the same article last year for the same course. This is considered Fair Use under copyright law.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	10. An instructor wants to link directly to a web resource outside the college. This is allowed under copyright law.

1. All authored works must have a copyright notice or bear the © symbol to be protected by U.S. copyright law. FALSE

United States copyright law protects all original works, even if a copyright notice is not displayed.

2. If material is copied for educational purposes, it is not violating copyright law. FALSE

Material may be copied for educational use only if it falls under “Fair Use” guidelines. See PCC copyright page at <http://www.pcc.edu/copyright>

3. An instructor comes to class with twenty four copies, one for each student in the class, of an academic journal article that was just published. She does not need to seek permission from the copyright holder. TRUE

However, if she wants to use the same journal article during another term, she must get permission.

4. Course packs sold via the PCC Bookstore require copyright permission. True or false? TRUE

The sale of course packs (implies commercial gain) does not fall under “Fair Use” guidelines and copyright permission is required.

5. An instructor rents The Last Emperor to show in the classroom to his history students who are studying early twentieth century Chinese history. He is violating copyright law. FALSE

Face-to-face classroom instruction constitutes Fair Use, even for “home view only” materials. The showing is restricted to students in the class and must be related to an instructional activity. The instructor must also use a legal copy of the film and may not make his own copy to show to the class.

6. An instructor scans three chapters from an expensive textbook for his course and uploads a PDF file of the chapters to his WebCT site for students to read. His students will need only these chapters from this textbook to complete class assignments. This is fair use and not a violation of copyright law. FALSE

The instructor has copied the heart of the work for his class. This would reduce the potential sales of the textbook. He must seek copyright permission.

7. An instructor copies an image from the NASA website and adds it to his course website. This is allowed under copyright law. TRUE

NASA is a federal agency so the image is in the public domain and may be copied without permission for non-commercial use only. However, most images on the web are copyrighted and permission must be obtained. Check for specific copyright information on the website or email the webmaster.

8. On her home VCR, a sociology instructor taped an original ABC News Nightline report on the Patriot Act. She uses the entire news program every term in her classroom. She does not need to seek permission. FALSE

She needs to request permission or purchase the tape. She can use it only once without permission, within 10 school days of the original airing of the program.

9. An instructor would like to put a single fact-based journal article on electronic reserves for his biology class. The instructor used the same article last year for the same course. This is considered Fair Use under copyright law. FALSE

The instructor can use this article for one term/one course only. He should seek permission to use it again.

10. An instructor wants to link directly to a web resource outside the college. This is allowed under copyright law. TRUE

This is allowed under copyright law because linking to a site is not creating a copy. However, presenting the visual or textual content within her website would violate copyright law.