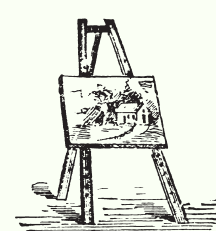
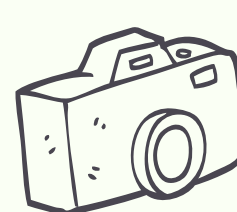
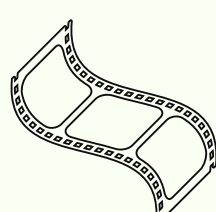
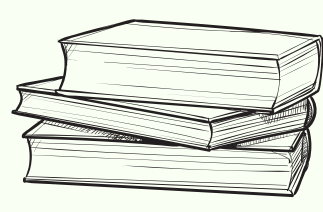


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WHAT IS COPYRIGHT? ©

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1. **Use**: Is the use of the work transformative? (yes = Fair Use)
2. **Type**: Is the work informational/factual in nature? (yes = Fair Use)
3. **Amount**: Is the use minimal? (yes = Fair Use)
4. **Impact**: Does the use negatively impact the copyright holder's ability to profit from the work? (NO = Fair Use)

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2. **Exempt works** - general knowledge resources (like encyclopedias) and works that weren't copyrighted when they were created.
3. **Released works** - the creator willingly chose to release the work for public use at any point; this can be permanent or temporary.

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- Revise
- Remix

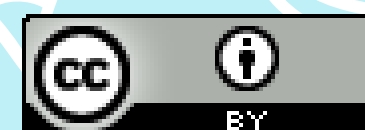
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