

Copyright, Fair Use, & Public Domain



Why care about Copyright and Fair Use?

**❑ Failing to adhere to
copyright and fair use laws
can get you into trouble
with the owners of the
material.**

The image features two lightsabers crossed in an 'X' shape against a dark blue background. The lightsaber on the left has a red blade, and the one on the right has a blue blade. Both hilt components are silver and black. The word 'Copyright' is written in a large, white, sans-serif font across the center of the image, partially overlapping the blades of the lightsabers.

Copyright

What is Copyright?

- ❑ Copyright laws were created with the creator in mind.
- ❑ Musician's, artist's, writers, and producer's works are protected from unauthorized use and duplication of their original works.
- ❑ Unauthorized use constitutes copyright infringement and can lead to fines and other punishments.

Is MY WORK Copyrighted?

Kind of...YOU own it and no one else can use it without your permission.

You can:

- ☐ **Make copies of the work**
- ☐ **Display your work publically**
- ☐ **Turn your work into a performance**
- ☐ **Give out copies of your work**

What if someone else uses my work?

NO ONE can use your work without your permission.

It's not likely that a magazine or online publication will do it because they know the consequences.

If someone does use your work, you can write a cease and desist letter and hope they do the right thing.

If they don't....

You need: Formal Copyrighting

- ❑ Works, whether they are print or digital, can be formally copyrighted by registering the work through the U.S. Copyright office.
- ❑ www.copyright.gov/

It is recommended that you create a watermark for your work.

How long does a Copyright last?

☐ 70 years AFTER the death of the creator

The image features two lightsabers crossed in an 'X' shape against a dark background. The lightsaber on the left has a red blade, and the one on the right has a blue blade. The hilts are metallic and detailed. In the center, where the blades cross, the words "Fair Use" are written in a large, white, sans-serif font.

Fair Use

Do I have the right to use copyrighted material?

- ❑ Copyright law helps protect the creators of media but also gives rights to the public. You have a limited right to use copyrighted materials.**

What is Fair Use?

- ❑ Fair use allows you to use a limited amount of a copyrighted work for your educational use.

HOW can I use it content under Fair Use?

1. Commentary → News

2. Criticism → Review

3. Parody → Saturday Night Live

Ask yourself these questions first:

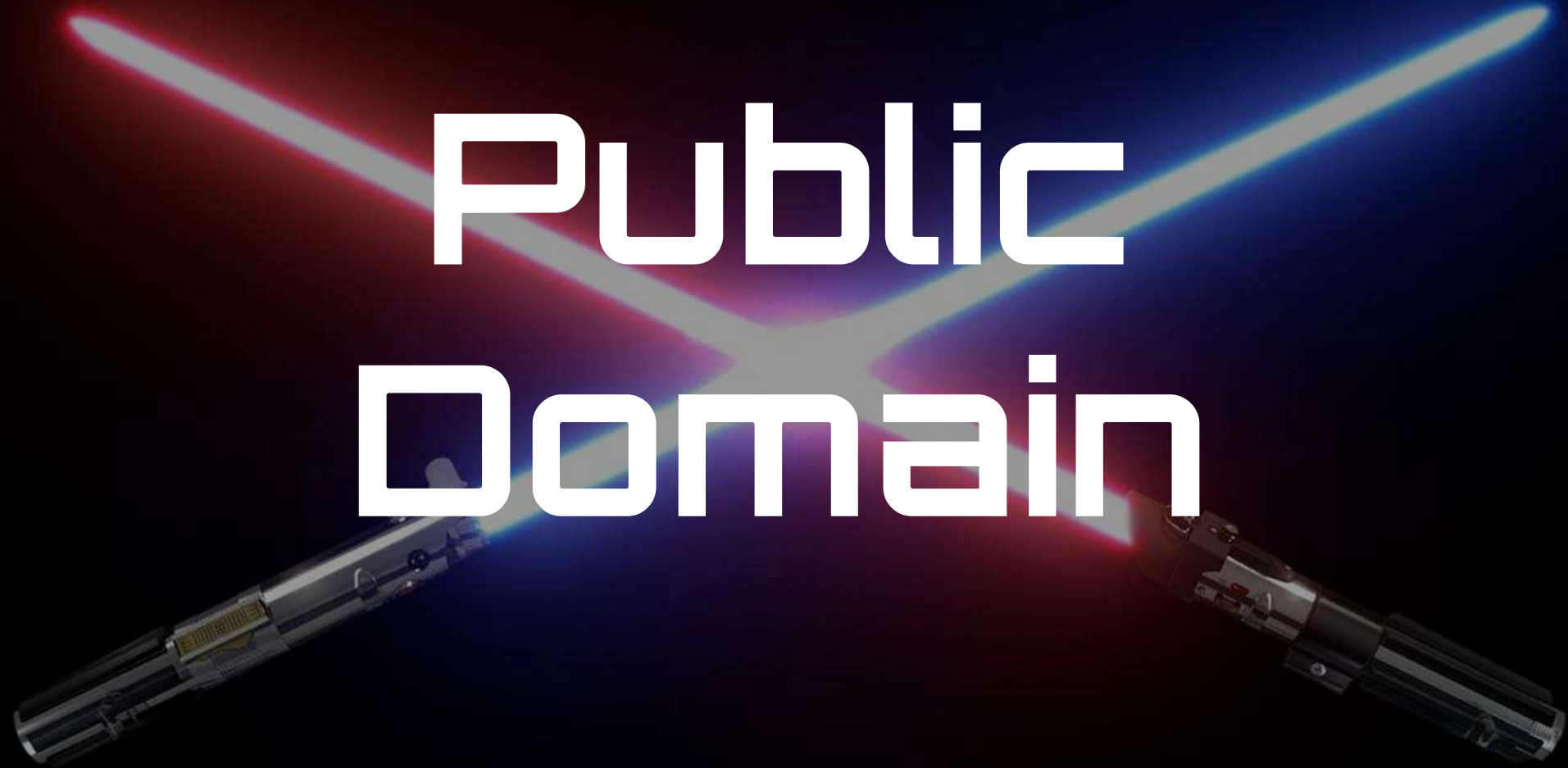
- ☐ **Will my use of the item have a nonprofit educational purpose?**
- ☐ **Am I only going to use a small portion?**
- ☐ **Will my use keep the creator from making money from the resource?**

How much can I use?

- ❑ **Depending on the type of resource you plan to use, you are limited to how much you can use of an individual work.**

- ❑ Movies & Motion Media → 10% or up to 3 minutes**
- ❑ Printed Texts → 10% or up to 1,000 words**
- ❑ Music & Lyrics → 10% but no more than 30 seconds**

Public Domain



What is Public Domain?

- ❑ **Materials that are not copyrighted are considered public domain and can be used without permission.**
- ❑ **Be sure to ALWAYS give credit to the creator though.**

When does it enter Public Domain?

- ❑ The copyright expired**
- ❑ The owner failed to renew the copyright**
- ❑ The owner placed it in public domain “dedication”**
- ❑ The law does not protect this type of work**

NEVER assume that a work is public domain just because it doesn't have a Copyright symbol next to it.

When in doubt, contact the owner!

Sources

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