



IMAGES, COPYRIGHT, and YOU

As teachers, we are good about teaching students about plagiarism when it comes to words or ideas. However, we also need to teach students that pictures are intellectual property and using them without permission is as bad as copying and pasting someone else's words for an essay or report. We need to train students to not use pictures from Google searches for their work. Students should also be citing where their images have come from. If an image is not marked as one of the following, then copyright automatically applies:

- Royalty Free
- Public Domain
- Creative Commons
- Fair Use
- Open Education Resource
- Or otherwise marked as free to use

How-To:

So, how do you introduce this idea of copyright to students? First, start with the basics, if you see a watermark across an image, that's a definite no-no. Next, try to give students websites to go to (see below) to search for royalty free images. Do not encourage students to use Google images in their projects. Also, get students in the habit of giving credit to other people for their work. Have students cite where the images came from (either underneath the picture or in a Works Cited area).

Common Sense Media video on Copyright for students:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=suMza6Q8J08>

Excellent explanation of Copyright and how it affects Teachers: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-9H6Ksp36q0>

Game for Kids to test their understanding of Copyright:
<http://www.copyrightkids.org/quizframes.htm>

Good places for royalty free pictures:

- <http://www.photosforclass.com/>
- <https://openclipart.org>
- <https://wpclipart.com/>
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Public_domain_image_resources#General_Collections
- <https://pixabay.com/>
- <http://www.clker.com/>
- <https://creativecommons.org/>
- <https://blog.snappa.com/free-stock-photos/>
- <http://www.pics4learning.com/>

Bonus E-Tip: Resizing Images

Please remind students when resizing images to:

1. Click on the image
2. Point to one of the CORNER handles
3. When the mouse pointer changes to



click and drag to resize

****Resizing from the middle handles will stretch and distort the picture!**

Find more E-Tips at <https://goo.gl/qPn7bN>

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