

Copyrights and Wrongs



*** DID YOU KNOW ...**

Two-thirds of teens have made their own creations online, such as artwork, photos, stories, or videos.

Match the words to their definition

digital citizenship	a law that protects a creator's ownership of and control over the work he or she creates, requiring other people to get the creator's permission before they copy, share, or perform that work
commercial purposes	a kind of copyright that makes it easy for people to copy, share, and build on someone's creative work - as long as they give the creator credit for it
copyright	navigating the digital world, safely, responsibly and ethically
Creative Commons	a use in connection with a business, usually for profit

*** WHAT DO YOU THINK?**

Do you think it's important to give credit and get permission, if needed, when you use someone else's creative work? Why, or why not?

*** DO YOU REMEMBER ...**
What you need to do if you want to use someone else's creative work?

1. Family Activity

Aiya was really into movies, and so were her friends. The only problem was that Aiya's parents were pretty strict about which movies she was allowed to see, and they rarely gave her money or permission to go see anything in the movie theater. Aiya hated being the only one who didn't get her friends' references to the latest movies. Thankfully, one of Aiya's friends could almost always get Aiya copies of DVDs of movies before they were officially released. Aiya knew the movies were probably stolen or copied illegally, but she figured she wasn't really hurting anyone, and how else would she see the movies? She decided she wouldn't ask too many questions about where the movies came from.

2. Think Out Loud!

- ~ What is your immediate reaction to this situation? What seems realistic or unrealistic?
- ~ What do you think about Aiya's rationale that watching pirated copies of movies doesn't hurt anyone? Do you think anyone might actually be harmed by this practice?
- ~ What advice would you give to Aiya?
- ~ Have you ever been tempted to buy a copy or reproduction of something? What did you do at the time, and what would you do if confronted with the situation today?
- ~ Could watching the movies be considered stealing? Why, or why not?

3. Common Sense Says ...

Peer-to-peer (PTP) sharing can be tempting, but it raises legal risks and can make your devices vulnerable to viruses, identity theft, and spyware. PTP sites also might negatively affect the content creators who may not get credit or payment for their work. Make sure to use legitimate online stores and apps to download music and movies; some streaming sites also will let you watch or listen for free -- legally.

