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Topics of Discussion

- Constitutional authority
- Subject Matter
- Exclusive Rights of Author
- Limitations of Exclusive Rights
- Piracy
 - Being safe and respectful
- Questions

Constitution

“ The Congress shall have the power...To promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing for limited Times to Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries...”

Article 1, Section 8

Constitution

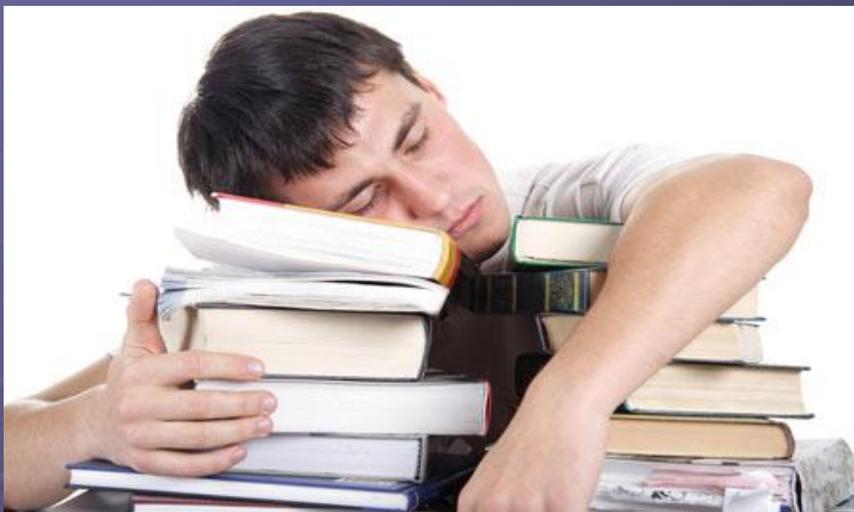
Article 1 Section 8 deals primarily with issues of commerce, finance and establishing a military.

- Copyright is seen as a part of commerce.
- Providing exclusive rights is an incentive to creators to make a work available to others.

Subject Matter of Copyright

- Broad Categories
 - Not exclusive, but inclusive
- Subsequent laws added additional subject matter.
 - Authorship types expands
 - Court cases help to define authorships
 - New technology creates new types of works.
 - Legislation can add additional types of works
 - Innovative Design Protection Act of 2012
 - Fashion

Literary



Musical Works



Dramatic Works



Choreography and Pantomime



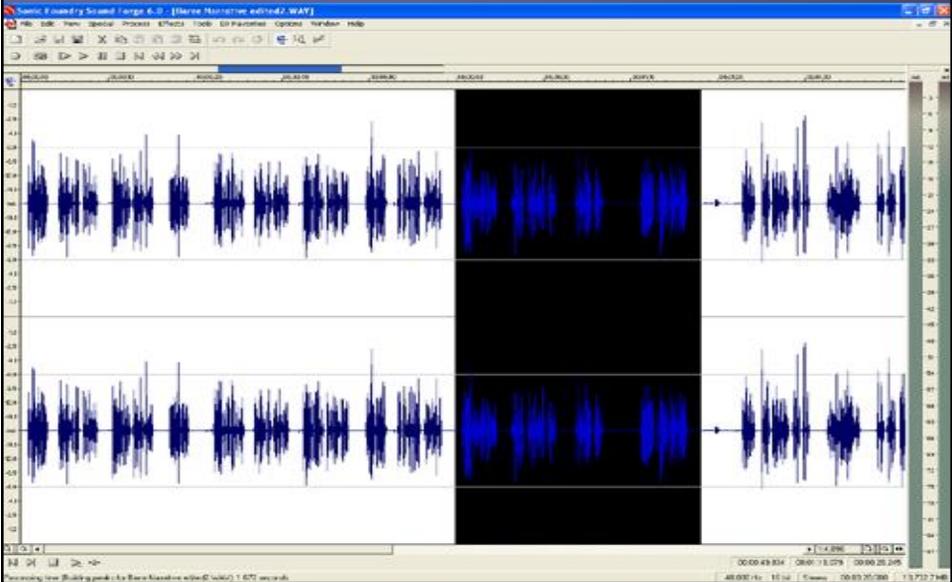
Visual Artwork



Motion Pictures



Sound Recordings



Architecture



Copyright Does Not Protect

- Ideas and Facts
- Works in the public domain
- Titles, names, short phrases, and slogans
- Familiar designs symbols
- Numbers, lettering, font
- Processes and systems
- Federal Government works.
- Unfixed works that have not been recorded in a tangible, fixed form (i.e. a song you made up while singing in the shower)

Exclusive Rights

If you create a work, you, the creator,
have the sole right to:

- Reproduce the work
- Prepare derivative works (new versions)
- Distribute the work (publish)
- Perform and/or display the work in public
- Transmit audio files digitally

Limitations of Exclusive Rights

- Time: Expiration of Copyright Protection
- Statutory Limitations: 17 U.S.C. §§107-122
 - Fair Use: Section 107
 - Industry Guidelines
 - Libraries and Archives: Section 108
 - First Sale: Section 109
 - Certain Performances: Section 110

Why is Copyright Important?

- Incentive for the creator of the work to allow others to enjoy the work
- Spreads knowledge and understanding to all
- The author has the right to benefit from his/her creation
- Helps to sustain major industries, many different levels of jobs, and helps the economy.
- U.S. major export is entertainment.

Questions

