

17 U.S.C. § 107 FAIR USE

Limitations on exclusive rights: Fair use

Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 106 and 106A, the fair use of a copyrighted work, including such use by reproduction in copies or phonorecords or by any other means specified by that section, for purposes such as criticism, comment, news reporting, teaching (including multiple copies for classroom use), scholarship, or research, is not an infringement of copyright. In determining whether the use made of a work in any particular case is a fair use the factors to be considered shall include -

- (1) the purpose and character of the use, including whether such use is of a commercial nature or is for nonprofit educational purposes;
- (2) the nature of the copyrighted work;
- (3) the amount and substantiality of the portion used in relation to the copyrighted work as a whole; and
- (4) the effect of the use upon the potential market for or value of the copyrighted work.

The fact that a work is unpublished shall not itself bar a finding of fair use if such finding is made upon consideration of all the above factors.

Fair Use-Summary		
	Likely Yes	Likely No
P urpose	Nonprofit Create new work +	Commercial No new work
N ature	Reference, nonfiction Published +	Fiction, Art Music Unpublished
A mount	Small amt (relative to whole original) +	Complete work Heart of work
M arket	Doesn't hurt market of original +	Hurts market or potential market of original

[Summary based on court cases interpreting 17 U.S.C. § 107
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