

Class 1: Introduction to Copyright

Administrative

Why do we have Copyright?

Clip 1

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Utilitarian

The Copyright Clause of the Constitution

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;

Public Goods / Incentive Problem

Public Goods

Nonrivalrousness

Nonexcludability

How much incentive?

Authors' Rights / Natural Rights (Two Strands)

Lockean / Labor Theory

Personhood

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Themes for the Course

- Review History and International materials on your own.
- The Public Domain
 - Play Clip 3
- The role of technological change
- The Players (and Caricatures)
 - The copyright industries
 - The "Romantic Author"
 - The "Pirate"
- Freedom of expression / First Amendment
- The interplay of copyright and contract law
- Comparisons to other forms of IP
- Mechanisms for setting rules
- Sources of rules
 - Statutes
 - Constitution
 - Common Law
- Institutional Competency
- Overlapping claims

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