

FAIR USE CHECKLIST for Bennington College

Favoring fair use

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- Teaching (includes multiple copies for classroom use)
 - Research
 - Scholarship
 - Nonprofit educational institution
 - Criticism
 - Comment
 - News reporting
 - Transformative or productive use (changes the work for new utility)
 - Restricted access (to students or other appropriate group)
 - Parody

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- Published work
 - Factual or nonfiction based
 - Important to favored educational objectives

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- Small quantity
 - Portion used is not central or significant
 - Amount is appropriate for favored educational purpose

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- User owns lawfully purchased or acquired copy of original work
 - One or few copies made
 - No significant effect on the market or potential market for copyrighted work
 - No similar product marketed by the copyright holder
 - Lack of licensing mechanism

Opposing fair use

PURPOSE

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- Commercial activity
 - Profiting from the use
 - Entertainment
 - Bad-faith behavior
 - Denying credit to original author

NATURE

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- Unpublished work
 - Highly creative work (art, music, novels, films, plays)
 - Fiction

AMOUNT

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- Large portion or whole work used
 - Portion used is central to or “heart of the work”

EFFECT

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- Could replace sale of copyrighted work
 - Significantly impairs market or potential market for copyrighted work or derivative
 - Reasonably available licensing mechanism for use of the copyrighted work
 - Affordable permission available for using work
 - Numerous copies made
 - You made it accessible on the web or in other public forum
 - Repeated or long-term use