Copyright: Get It Right!

Knowing when and how to properly acknowledge copyright-protected work used for classroom activities can be confusing. Here are some tools to make informed decisions about using images, video, and other copy written material:

1. Copyright Decision Tool: copyrightdecisiontool.ca/DecisionTool

   Use this tool to select the type of published work and how it will be used to help determine whether it can be used without first getting copyright permission, according to the Fair Dealing Guidelines.

2. Copyright Matters! Handbook: www.cmec.ca/140/Copyright_Matters!.html

   This handbook informs teachers, administrators, parents, and students about Canadian copyright law and Supreme Court fair dealing rulings to make readers aware of their rights and responsibilities when using copyright-protected materials for educational purposes.

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