

## Creative Thinking Film Class Discussion Bits and Pieces

### Story Film – *Copyright: The Right to Copy!*

Student should use this handout to follow along with the film to jot down notes, questions, etc.

This is a tale of a local college garage band whose fans file share the band's freely posted recordings. It introduces topics for classroom discussion such as copyright infringement, permission to use or registration of copyrighted works, file sharing, mash-ups, practical & legal consequences, fair use, ethics, and respect for others works. It reveals what many mistakenly believe about copyright and music, that copyright law only benefits the rich, famous musicians and record company executives. While in reality, it is the lesser known, upstart musicians (like those in our film) who are hurt by music piracy/copyright infringement. The film presents questions/statements for students to think about for class discussion.

1. What is Copyright?
2. What is Fair Use?
3. File sharing or file stealing?
4. File sharing affected their concert attendance? What do you think happened?
5. What are the ethical issues related to illegal downloading from the web?
6. Is a music mash-up Fair Use?
7. Is sampling audio clips illegal?
8. American Society of Composers, Authors, & Publishers (ASCAP) & Broadcast Music Incorporated (BMI) authorize legal use of music.
9. Using audio clips for profit may be illegal.
10. Copyright infringement is no joke.
11. Illegal downloading not only affects people, but may also put your computer at risk.
12. What are the ethical and legal issues related to file sharing? Or is it file stealing in some cases?