May I copy journal articles located in Library databases to my course documents page in BlackBoard?  
The Cheng Library has licenses for accessing databases, which allow instructors to create links to articles within the databases. You need not "copy" these articles, but can simply link to them.

May I use clips from videos in my own video or web production?  
Fair use guidelines allow you to copy/reproduce limited amounts of a video for educational purposes. The general rule of thumb for this is no more than 3 minutes or 10% of the whole, whichever is less.

May I put in a link to anything I want?  
A web site's URL is not copyrighted; it is simply an address to that site; therefore one may include a link to that site. Current "netiquette" recommends asking permission from the creator of the site before you link to it.

Does the TEACH Act permit me to use entire works of media in my online course?  
The Teach Act extends the existing "classroom exemption" in using copyright works to digital distance education. It also expands the categories of works that can be used besides non-dramatic literary and musical works. It allows them to be digitized for distribution when no digital version is available; however, only limited portions of works may be transmitted unless permission from the copyright holder is given.

May I use Blackboard to post my students' work, even when it uses copyright materials without permission?  
Yes, this is fair use. If the site is protected and does not allow for guests in this area, then it is considered permissible.

May I use a video and audio clip in preparing a PowerPoint presentation and then post it in my Blackboard course?  
Yes, you may include portions of copyrighted works when producing your own multimedia project for teaching in support of curriculum-based instructional activities as long as it follows permissible amounts. For motion media it is up to 10 percent of the total or three minutes, whichever is less. For music, you may use up to 10 percent of the work, but no more than 30 seconds of the piece. The fair use of copyrighted material in multimedia projects lasts for two years only. After two years, obtain permission before using the materials again.