Frequently Asked Questions: General Information

**What is the relationship between copyright and intellectual property rights?**
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3. Find suitable, alternate materials that fall within the fair use guidelines.
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