

## How to Cite Images

You are required to **cite all images** and should take care to ensure that you are using an image that you have the rights to use. Many images are copyrighted and it may be **a copyright violation** to use those images even if you cite your source.

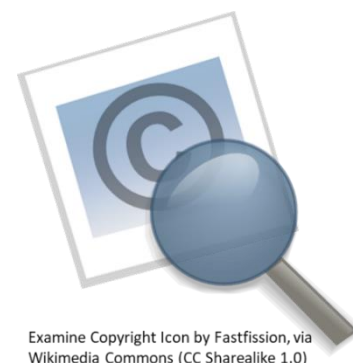
### Procedure

#### 1. Determine if you can use the image

- a. Some images are in the **public domain**, meaning that you can freely use them.  
*What is in the public domain?* <https://copyright.cornell.edu/publicdomain>
- b. Some images have **creative commons licenses** which specifically indicate how you may use the image.  
*What is a creative commons license?* <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/>
- c. All other images are **copyrighted** and you must try to determine if using them constitutes “fair use” or if the copyright holder has given permission for reuse.
  - i. Start by exploring the website.
    1. Look at the bottom of the webpage for a copyright statement.
    2. Read the fine print found in the Terms of Use, FAQ, etc
  - ii. Fair Use Analysis: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=suMza6Q8J08>
  - iii. If you are posting online or distributing flyers, using a copyrighted image, even with citation, is a violation of copyright law.
  - iv. **If your project is going to be posted or distributed (web page, YouTube video, advertising poster), the use is less likely to fall under fair use. For these types of projects, you should use public domain or creative commons licensed works only.**
- d. **If you cannot figure out the copyright status, you should err on the side of caution and email to ask for permission or find a different image.**
- e. **All images must be cited regardless of copyright status.**

#### 2. Cite your source

- a. All images (even from public domain) must be cited with a **caption below the image** and in the **works cited**.
- b. Your citation under the image should include:
  - i. Image title
  - ii. Artist name
  - iii. Website name where you found it
  - iv. Copyright information (public domain, creative commons license, etc)
- c. Under image citation sample format:
  - i. *Title by Artist, via website (copyright info).*
  - ii. Example: see copyright magnifying glass above
  - iii. **NOTE - “Google Images” is not a citation. Google is a search engine. Go to the website that hosts the image to determine copyright and citation.**
- d. Your citation in your works cited should follow the format required by your teacher (MLA, APA, etc). Noodle Tools is a good resource to create citations.



Digital versions available at <http://library.overlake.org/NCCE2018>



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## How to find images that you can use

The list below provides a starting point for sites that host images that are likely to be available for your use on school projects and to share online. *If you want to use an image that is not freely available for use, you can always link to the image rather than copying and pasting the actual image on your project.*

### You must still provide a citation!

#### General

- [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Main\\_Page](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Main_Page)
- <https://www.flickr.com/creativecommons/>
- [http://www.google.com/advanced\\_image\\_search](http://www.google.com/advanced_image_search) (with the usage rights “Free to use or share” selected)
- <https://pixabay.com/>

#### Photography

- <https://www.pexels.com/>
- <https://unsplash.com/>
- <https://magdeleine.co/license/cc0/>
- <http://realisticshots.com/>
- <https://wellcomecollection.org/works> (Health related images)

#### Government images (be sure to read the Rights Advisory to ensure copyright status)

- <https://search.usa.gov/search/images?affiliate=usagov&query=>
- <http://www.loc.gov/pictures/>
- <https://www.loc.gov/rr/scitech/selected-internet/imagesources.html>

#### Clipart

- <https://openclipart.org/>
- <https://publicdomainvectors.org/>

#### Art

- <http://search.getty.edu/gateway/landing>
- [https://images.nga.gov/en/page/show\\_home\\_page.html](https://images.nga.gov/en/page/show_home_page.html)
- <https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection> (filter for Show Only: Public Domain Artworks)
- <https://artgallery.yale.edu/collection/search> (be sure to check copyright status underneath image on the image page – okay to use if it says public domain)
- <https://www.oldbookillustrations.com/>

#### Science, Health and Fitness

- <https://www.focusfitness.net/stock-photos/>
- <https://www.nasa.gov/multimedia/imagegallery/index.html>
- <https://library.usgs.gov/photo/#/>
- <https://phil.cdc.gov/phil/home.asp>
- <https://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/ihm/> (check Rights section for copyright info)

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