

Grade 8 Arts & Culture Worksheet

The importance of copyright

Part One: Answer questions on copyright

Answer the following questions in your workbook:

1. What is copyright? [4]
 2. Why is there such a thing as copyright? [4]
 3. What can you have a copyright on? [4]
 4. Why can't you make copies of a CD and sell them? [4]
 5. Can you copy pages from a book or from an information source on the internet and use them in your assignments as your own writing? [2]
 6. What is meant by plagiarism? [4]
 7. What can happen to you if you breach copyright or commit plagiarism? [4]
 8. If you write a poem or compose a piece of music or paint a picture, do you have to register copyright? [4]
- [30 marks]

Part Two: Design a pamphlet

Your teacher sets your class an assignment to do. You are running out of time due to a number of personal crises in your life and you find that you are not going to be able to complete this assignment on your own. These are the options open to you:

- a. You can ask your friend in a different class if you can please copy his/her work.
- b. You can download a suitable article from the internet and just use it as your work.

In a group, role play each of these situations as well as the possible consequences.

As a result of your role play and the discussions that result after performing the role plays in your group, design a pamphlet alerting learners to the dangers of plagiarism and breaching copyright.

[24 marks]

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Rubric for assessing a pamphlet

Criteria	4	3	2	1
A description of what copyright is				
A description of plagiarism is				
A description of the consequences of committing plagiarism and breaching copyright				
How the learner participated in the role plays				
Design of pamphlet; layout and professional presentation; neatness and attractiveness				
At least three references, correctly quoted; no plagiarism				
TOTAL	/24			

Part Three: A research task

This is a research task. Find out the information from a number of sources and then write up your findings in your workbook, in your own words. Remember to accurately quote or reference your source material.

1. Who or what are SAMRO and DALRO?
2. Who was Solomon Linda and what does his story teach us about copyright?

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Suggested Solutions

Question number	Possible marks	Solution
1	30	<p>1. It is a property right ✓ that exists on works ✓ and items ✓ created. It protects the rights and interests of the creator. ✓ [4]</p> <p>2. Artists and people who have created works and items will make their money from the sale of those items. Copyright protects their rights and allows them to earn money from what they created. It is especially difficult to earn money from creations of the mind – such as ideas and literary works. Copyright exists to protect these ownership rights. ✓✓✓✓ [4]</p> <p>3. Literary, dramatic, artistic, musical, film, sound recordings, broadcasts, books, pamphlets – anything that has been created in the mind and made into a tangible form. ✓✓✓✓ [4]</p> <p>4. Because the artist/s that composed and/or performed the music own the rights to CD. You cannot copy and sell it. You are, in effect, stealing their work. ✓✓✓✓ [4]</p> <p>5. No. You would be stealing the intellectual property of the authors. ✓✓ [2]</p> <p>6. To copy and pass off the writing of others as your own, not to acknowledge the source of written material. ✓✓✓✓ [4]</p> <p>7. The copyright holders can sue you. This means that you can go to prison, or you can be forced to pay a huge fine. ✓✓✓✓ [4]</p> <p>8. No. Once you have created the work in a tangible form (book, artwork, piece of music, etc), you hold the exclusive right to that work. You can sell your copyright or authorise others to use the work. ✓✓✓✓ [4]</p>
2	24	See rubric in Appendix of Assessment Tools.
3	20	<p>3.1 SAMRO = South African Music Rights Organisation. ✓✓ DALRO = Dramatic and Literary Rights Organisation. ✓✓ These are two organisations in South Africa that hold the literary and performance rights of music ✓ and plays/literary works for the authors. ✓ If you want to perform items, you need to apply to these organisations who will then charge you a rate to perform. ✓✓ The money is then forwarded to the holder of the copyright. These are known as royalties. ✓✓ [10]</p> <p>Solomon Linda composed the world famous song “The Lion Sleeps Tonight” or “Wimoweh” or “Mbube” as it is variously known. ✓✓ He was a migrant worker ✓ and was unaware of his rights. ✓ He signed away his rights to the music and other people have become rich on his composition, but he died a poor man. ✓✓ This serves as a caution for</p>

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		<p>people to learn their rights when they create a literary or artistic work. ✓✓</p> <p style="text-align: right;">[7]</p> <p>Award three marks for accurately quoting references and for writing the information in own words.</p>
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