A Framework for Analyzing any U.S. Copyright Problem

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    - If affiliated with an educational institution, there may be a license available through the library.
- No
  - Is there an existing license that covers my use?
    - Yes
    - Limitations on Exclusive Rights
      - Section 107. Fair Use
      - Section 108. Libraries & Archives
      - Section 110(1) & (2). Education
    - No
    - Is there an exemption in U.S. Copyright Law that covers my use?
      - Yes
      - Permissions & Licensing
        - 1) If seeking permission, fully explain your intended use.
        - 2) Collective rights organizations offer subscription licenses for institutions and case-by-case permission services.
      - No
      - or
      - 1) Seek permission from the copyright holder.
      - 2) Seek an alternative license to cover your use.