Two pencils, one grey and one brown, are positioned diagonally on the left side of a solid yellow background. A small blue horizontal line is centered above the main text.

DO I NEED TO REGISTER MY COPYRIGHT?

The short version: YES!

Your friendly legal eagle

Meet Kiffanie Stahle



WHAT COPYRIGHT PROTECTS



Thomas the Teacher

- Created a workshop called How to Defeat Online Copycats
- Creates slides and worksheets to help participants deal with online copycats
- Another teacher writes a book with the same title



Molly the Maker

- Creates illustrated cards for each state with unique facts about that state
- Another illustrator creates cards in a similar style and on the same concept
- But with illustrations created and hand-lettered by the illustrator



Courtney the Coach

- Created technique of working with clients
- Topic order is different from what she's seen
- Creates worksheets to guide clients through technique
- Another coach takes the order of topics but creates own worksheets and written content



Molly the Maker

- Designs tops with quilt-like piecing
- She designs the repeating patterns on the fabric
- Another fashion label creates shirts in a similar style, but with their fabric

But...cheerleader uniforms could help!



A wooden desk with a laptop, a ruler, and papers. The text is overlaid on a yellow rectangular area on the left side of the image.

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WHY SHOULD
YOU REGISTER
YOUR
COPYRIGHTS?





Two magic copyright registration windows



Before your copycat strikes



Within 3 months of first publication

When is first publication?

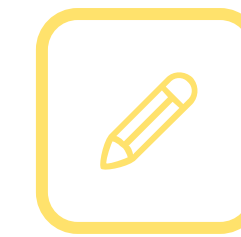
Digital or physical copies



Selling



Licensing



Lending



Renting



Transferring ownership



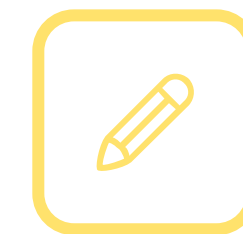
Allowed to share

**What can I group
together on the same
application?**





4 questions determine if they can be grouped



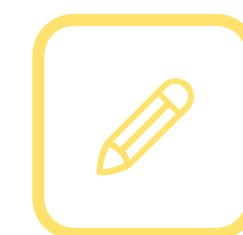
Who created the work?



Who owns the copyright?



Has the work been published?



If so, were they published together?

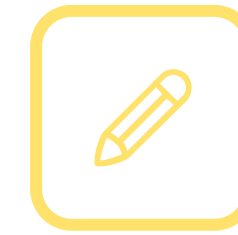
Grouping Unpublished Creations



Same Kind (e.g. written, visual, AV)



Common creator



Same owner

As many as you want!

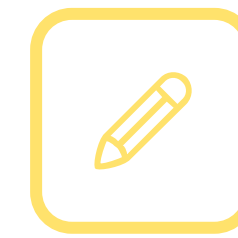
Grouping Published Creations



Same Kind (e.g. written, visual, AV)



Same owner



Published together

Only* what was published as a group

***Photographers you have an exception!**



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YouTube: Kiffanie Stahle the artist's J.D.

*Ask Kiff videos every Friday via the
blog, Facebook, and YouTube!*