Assignment:

Bloggers, for this exercise research copyright laws and their relevance to image appropriation and post your findings on the class blog. Start by reading “Copyright for Collage Artists” at http://www.funnystrange.com/copyright/. Then do an Internet search for an example of issues relating to copyright laws and the artist. For example, it can be lawsuit for or against/ issues of artistic freedom, or corporations who found profits from extending copyright protections, or to the new fine print issued by myspace claiming ownership over any images posted on its site.

Post a link to your chosen article and write a response in support or opposition to this specific case. Also answer the following question: do you agree with current copyright laws as a protection of intellectual property or oppose it as a limitation of artistic expression?

Outcomes:

Students will:

1. Gain an understanding of what rights they have, as artists, which protect intellectual property.
2. Find out what can and cannot be appropriated to avoid plagiarizing other artists’ work.
3. Think about issues relating to artistic integrity when appropriating or referencing works not created by you.