

Copyright and Fair Dealing for Teachers

The Supreme Court of Canada interprets the fair dealing provision of the *Copyright Act* as permitting teachers to copy “short excerpts” of copyright-protected works for their students if the use is for educational purposes and it is “fair.”



A short excerpt includes

a single article from a periodical



up to 10 per cent of a copyright-protected work



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an entire newspaper article or page



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