Copyright Fact Sheet – Study Questions
Critique #4

You don’t need to answer these questions for your critique – but be prepared to answer them on a quiz or test:

1. What is copyright? What rights does it confer to the holder?

2. What was the constitution’s justification for granting Congress the power to institute copyright? Why is it “limited”?

3. What kinds of works may be copyrighted?


5. How long did a new copyright originally last? How has that changed over the years?

6. What is the “public domain”? How do things get into the public domain?

7. What is fair use? What factors are considered? Is one factor more important than the others? How can you tell in advance if your copying is fair use?

8. Can computer game publishers prevent you from selling your used computer game? Why or why not?

9. What is plagiarism? How does it compare to copyright violation?

10. What is your potential liability for putting a copyrighted work on a website or p2p program without permission? Could you go to jail? How much might you have to pay?

Please answer the following question for your “critique”:

What do you think a copyright system that considers the rights of the content owners and the good of society as a whole would look like?