***Using images : copyright and public domain***

**Introduction**

We are surrounded by pictures and images of all kinds – on signs, in galleries, on billboards, in magazines, on TV, and online. It has never been easier to make and share images, and to copy them and share images of images. When we see something exciting or interesting we want to share, we often don’t stop to ask ourselves if we have the right to do so. This exercise will explore the ethics surrounding the use and sharing of images.

**Finding Images**

Use the Visual Research LibGuide at <http://libguides.lmu.edu/visualresearch> to explore some options for finding images related to your topic.

**Your Research Topic**

Think about your research topic and the type of images you need in order to provide illustrations for it. For example, if your topic is the history of cookbooks, you might want images from a 200-year-old cookbook. If your topic is dolphins, you might need some accurate photographs of dolphins in the wild.

1. What is your research topic? What type of images will you need?

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Using the Visual Research LibGuide, find three images relevant to your research topic. List each image below, and then answer some questions about their ownership and the right to use them.

1. Does the provider of the online image own the rights to it?
2. What rights are the providers of the image extending to you, if any?
3. If you are not sure about 1 and 2, who would you need to contact to find out?

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| Image 1: | Notes: |
| Image 2: | Notes: |
| Image 3: | Notes: |