

Academic Permissions Training Ice Breaker

Organisation: Put people in small groups.

Instruction: Work together in your groups. In the speech that follows, list all the items you can spot that are copyrighted works and may need permission to be used in a new work. See if you can add 5 more such items to your list.

Hamlet's IP Dilemma (With apologies to Shakespeare)

To clear, or not to clear, that is the question:

Whether 'tis cheaper in the main to bore

The students with rows of outrageous plainness,

Or to buy images, extracts, nay, decorative tables

And by licensing send them to sleep

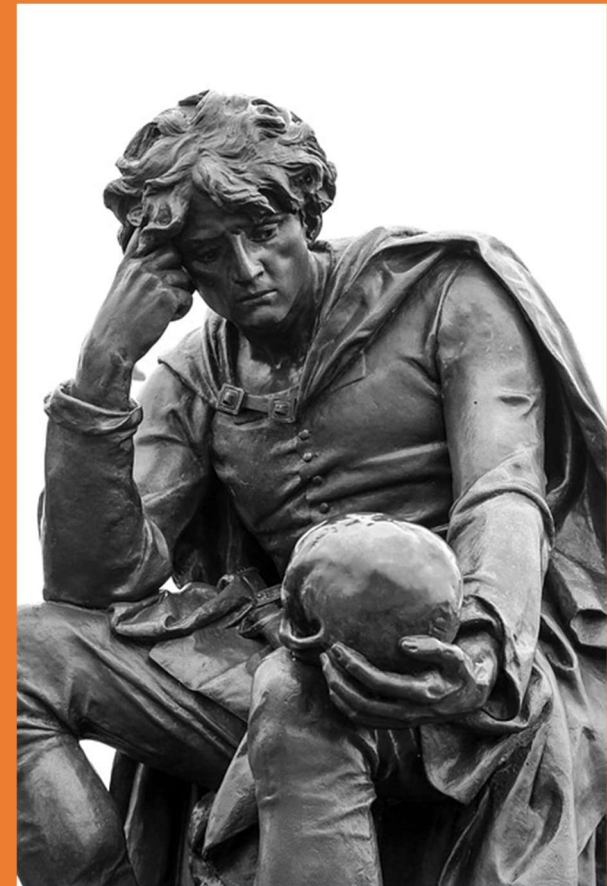
No more; and by keeping them, say, we end

The heartache of the thousand student loans' loss

That the budget is heir to: 'tis a consummation

Devoutly to be wish'd. To buy stills, book covers;

And tweets, perchance some logos—ay, there's the rub:



For in that IP sweep of death what figures and brands will discover,

Once we have linked to YouTube videos,

Must give us pause—there's the prospect

That makes calamity of so long a write.

For who would bear the whips and scorns of queries,

Th'context's 'wrong', the song's 'insensitive',

Get Creative Commons licence, no long delay,

The insolence of publishers, and the spurns

That patient permissions people take,

When you yourself might your diagrams make

With Adobe software? They would 'fair deals' clear,

To quote, so review and criticise,

But that the dread of something after print,

The undiscover'd poetry, missed poster

Missed credits, puzzles the will,

And makes us rather bear staff photos we have

Than fly to contributors that we know not of?

Thus conscience doth make cowards of us all,

And thus the native hue of resolution

Is sicklied o'er with the pale cast of thought,

And enterprises of great pith and moment

With this regard their currents turn awry

And lose in the name of copyright action.

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Answers: Images, Extracts, Tables, Stills, Book Covers, Tweets, Logos, Figures, Brands, YouTube Videos, Diagrams, Software, Poetry, Poster, Photos

We added: Films, Sound Recordings, Bus Tickets, Sheet Music and Paintings but there were many other categories that could be added

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