

## Using NewsHour Extra Feature Stories

STORY

### **Wikipedia and YouTube Battle Hollywood in SOPA Showdown**

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[http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/features/us/jan-june12/sopa\\_01-17.html](http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/features/us/jan-june12/sopa_01-17.html)

Estimated Time: One 45-minute class period with possible extension

**Student Worksheet** (reading comprehension and discussion questions without answers)

PROCEDURE

#### **1. WARM UP**

Use initiating questions to introduce the topic and find out how much your students know.

#### **2. MAIN ACTIVITY**

Have students read NewsHour Extra's feature story and answer the reading comprehension and discussion questions on the student handout.

#### **3. DISCUSSION**

Use discussion questions to encourage students to think about how the issues outlined in the story affect their lives and express and debate different opinions.]

INITIATING QUESTIONS

**1. What does copyright mean?**

**2. Where do you get the movies, TV shows and songs that you watch and listen to?**

**3. What is online piracy?**

READING COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS – **Student Worksheet**

**1. What is the Digital Millennium Copyright Act?**

Legislation that requires websites to take down copyrighted content "in good faith."

**2. What is The Pirate Bay?**

A popular and high-profile site that allows users to pirate movies and music

**3. How much does piracy cost the U.S. every year, according to the Motion Picture Association of America?**

\$58 billion

**4. What are some popular websites that are closing down on Jan. 18 to protest SOPA?**

Wikipedia, Reddit, WordPress, Mozilla and BoingBoing

**5. On what day will the Senate debate the future of SOPA and PIPA?**

Jan. 24, 2012

**6. What do SOPA and PIPA stand for?**

The Stop Online Piracy Act and the Protect Intellectual Property Act

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (more research might be needed)

- 1. Do you think it's important to prevent online piracy? Why or why not?**
- 2. Under current copyright laws, would it be legal for you to make and post a video online that contained a song by your favorite recording artist? Why or why not?**
- 3. Why are intellectual property and copyright laws especially hard to enforce on the Internet?**

**Extension Activity**

Have students write a 300-500 word essay on this topic providing clear examples. Send your completed editorial to NewsHour Extra ([extra@newshour.org](mailto:extra@newshour.org)). Exceptional essays might be published on our Web site.