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STORY

Wikipedia and YouTube Battle Hollywood in SOPA Showdown

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Reading Comprehension Questions

- 1. What is the Digital Millennium Copyright Act?**
- 2. What is The Pirate Bay?**
- 3. How much does piracy cost the U.S. every year, according to the Motion Picture Association of America?**
- 4. What are some popular websites that are closing down on Jan. 18 to protest SOPA?**
- 5. On what day will the Senate debate the future of SOPA and PIPA?**
- 6. What do SOPA and PIPA stand for?**

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). Exceptional essays might be published on our Web site.