The Four Points of Fair Use
Student Handout

Directions
This diamond will help you figure out whether or not a creative work is fair use. The inside of the diamond lists the situations in which fair use can be applied. Each point of the diamond lists a certain way that you can use copyrighted work for fair use. If a creative work falls into at least one of the situations inside the diamond, and if it fulfills one of the criteria at the four points of the diamond, there’s a good chance it’s fair use! Use the diamond to help you decide whether the case studies you view in class are fair use. Write your final decision at the bottom.

FAIR USE: The ability to use copyrighted work without permission, but only in certain ways and in specific situations (schoolwork and education, news reporting, criticizing or commenting on something, and comedy/parody).

1. The case of “Scary Mary” ________(is or isn’t) fair use.
2. The case of DJ Earworm ________(is or isn’t) fair use.