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An Act for the Encouragement of Learning, by Vesting the Copies of Printed Books in the Authors or Purchasers of such Copies, during the Times therein mentioned.

Whereas Printers, Booksellers, and other Persons have of late frequently taken the Liberty of Printing, Reprinting, and Publishing, or causing to be Printed, Republ1shed, and Published Books, and other Writings, without the Consent of the Authors or Proprietors of such Books and Writings, to their very great Detriment, and too often to the Ruin of them and their Families: For Preventing therefore such Practices for the future, and for the Encouragement of Learned Men to Compose and Write useful Books: It is pleased Your Majesty, that it may be Enacted, and be Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament Assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the Easter Day of April, One thousand seven hundred and ten, the Author of any Book or Books already Printed, who hath not Transferred to any other the Copy or Copies of such Book or Books, Share or Shares thereof, of the Bookseller or Booksellers, Printer of Printers, or other Person or Persons, who hath or have Purchased or Acquired the Copy or Copies of any Book or Books, in order to Print or Reprint the same, shall have the sole Right and Liberty of Printing such Book and Books for the Term of One and Twenty Years, to Commence from the said Easter Day of April, and no longer; and that the Author of any Book or Books already Composed and not Printed and Published, or that shall hereafter be Composed, any his Assigns, or Assigns, shall have the sole Liberty of Printing and Reprinting such Book and Books for the Term of Fourteen Years.
Copyright was designed to subsidize distribution, not creation.
The Charter gave the Company the right to search for and seize illicit or pirated 'copies' and to prevent publication of any book which had not been licensed by a warden of the Company, together with a government licenser and afterwards entered in what came to be known as the 'entry book of copies' or the Stationer’s Company Register. This regulation remained in force, at least nominally, until 1695, when it was replaced by the first copyright act in 1710.
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- *But without copyright, how will artists and writers and musicians make a living??*
You don’t need to be a lawyer to be a musician, but you do need to know one legal term - copyright. To all creative artists – poets, painters, novelists, dancers, directors, actors, musicians, singers, and songwriters -- the term matters dearly.

Copyright is more than a term of intellectual property law that prohibits the unauthorized duplication, performance or distribution of a creative work. To artists, "copyright" means the chance to hone their craft, experiment, create, and thrive. It is a vital right, and over the centuries artists, such as John Milton, William Hogarth, Mark Twain, and Charles Dickens, have fought to preserve that right.
Copyright law all started with the 'The Statute of Anne,' the world’s first copyright law passed by the British Parliament in 1709. Yet the principle of protecting the rights of artists predates this. It may sound like dry history at first blush, but since there was precedent to establish and rights to protect, much time, effort, and money has been spent in legal battles over the centuries.
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