

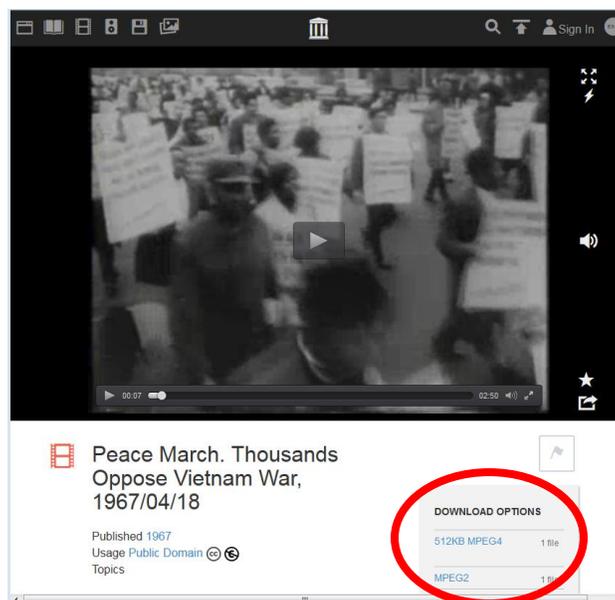
Avoiding Copyright Infringement When Using Video, Audio, and Image Material from the Web

Similar to written texts that you may wish to use in an academic paper, videos, audio clips, and images found on the web are covered by copyright law, which restricts their distribution and use. Thus, to avoid violating another individual's copyright, it is best to use original material, media sources that exist in the public domain, or items covered under a creative commons license. Very briefly, public domain covers items that are either no longer covered by copyright or never met the conditions needed for copyright protection. Creative commons licenses include works in which the creators have granted others the right to reuse the work under certain conditions. Whether using works in the public domain or those covered by creative commons, it is best to cite your sources.

Internet Archive

The Internet Archive hosts a variety of collections that include free images, video, and audio. Some items are stream only and do not allow download. Most items, however, provide links for downloading various file types. MP4 files work well for most video editing applications such as iMovie or Windows Movie Maker.

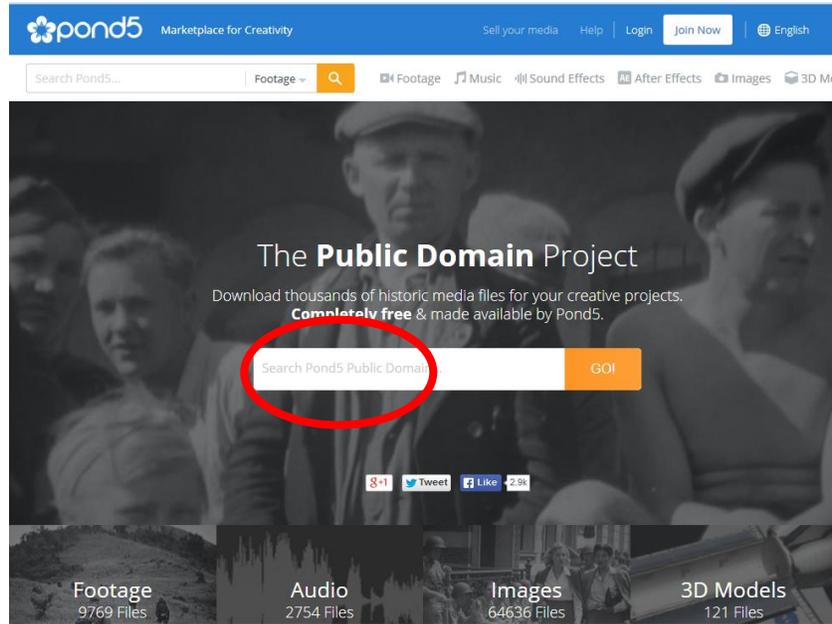
- **Main Archive Site**
<https://archive.org/>
- **Moving Image Archive**
<https://archive.org/details/movies>
- The following example links provide clips of demonstrations opposing the Vietnam War
https://archive.org/details/1967-04-18_Peace_March



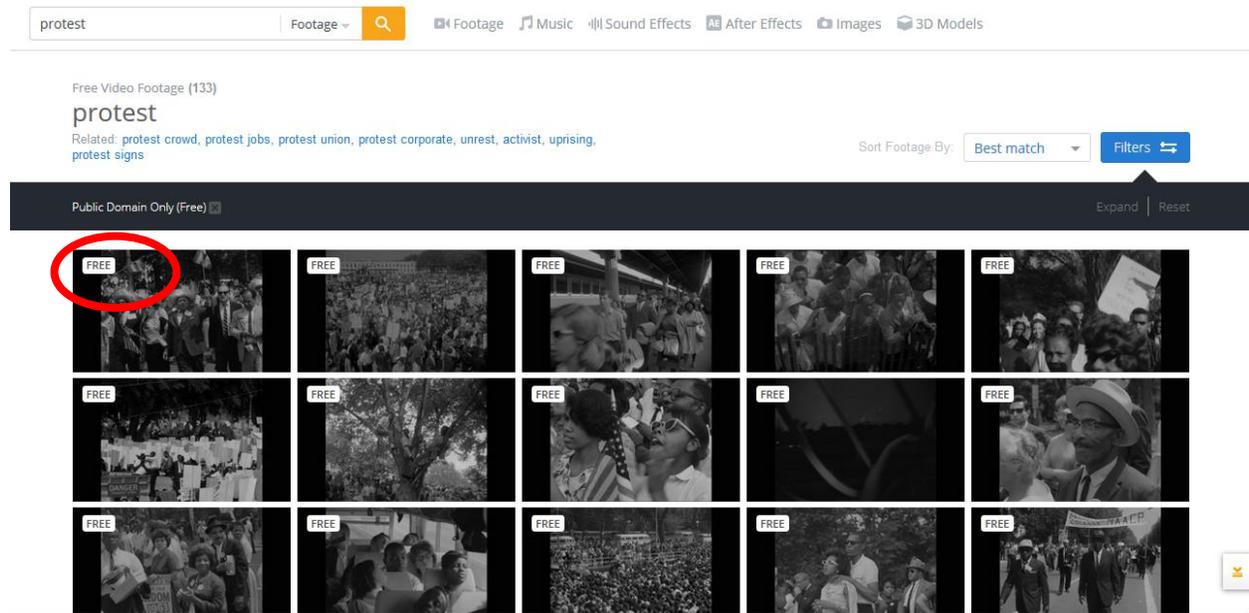
Pond5

Pond5 is a commercial site that sells stock media. It also has a public domain section. To download material you will need to create an account. Just be careful when searching for items. Not all of the content is free.

<http://www.pond5.com/free>



Note the word “free” appears next to content in the public domain search.



NASA

NASA provides a variety of clips that are free to use. To download the files, right-click on the file size link (next to the 1080i or 720p icon) and choose **Save Link As**. NASA also houses collections on the Internet Archive.

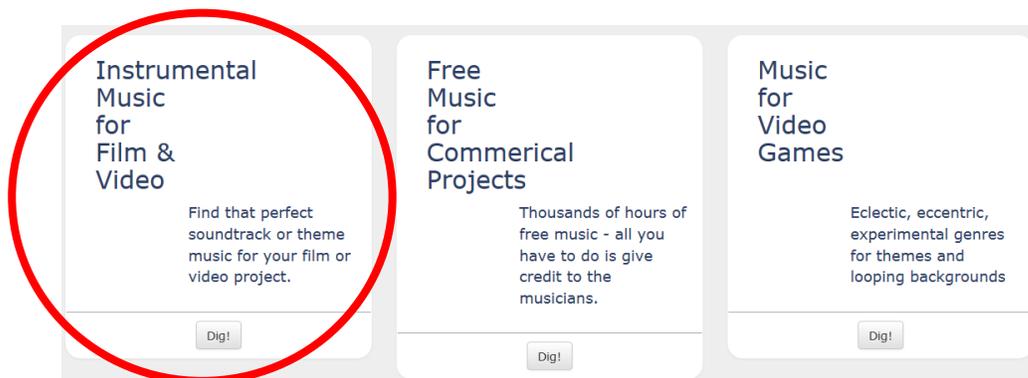
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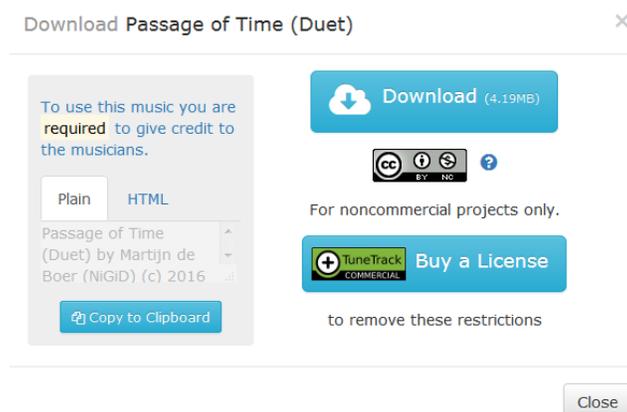
ccMixer

ccMixer provides audio files covered under the Creative Commons license. They have a search tool specifically for free music for noncommercial projects.

<http://dig.ccmixer.org/>



Students should site the source of their music if used in a project.



Free Music Archive

WFMU hosts this free music archive. While you can download any audio file from the site for free, individual tracks are covered in various ways under the Creative Commons license. Some may require attribution and some may not be used for commercial purposes. Thus, be sure to check the license agreement before using a particular track in a project.

<http://freemusicarchive.org/curator/Video/>



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SONG Derailed by Blue Dot Sessions



Album Description

LOG INTO TAG

CURATOR: Music for Video

GENRES: Soundtrack, Minimalism, Instrumental

LENGTH: 00:30:08

Contact mics on Rhodes and bowed marimba are the main instruments on this 3 day session finished June 2016.

Song

06. Derailed (03:51)

Track Info

BIT RATE: 320000

GENRES: Soundtrack, Minimalism, Instrumental

LOG INTO TAG

SHARE

UPLOADED: 06/21/2016

LISTENS: 846

STARRED: 0

COMMENTS: 0

DOWNLOADS: 537

EMBED THIS TRACK:

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Digital History

The College of Education at the University of Houston has compiled a collection of copyright-free, historical music. To download a piece of music, right click on the link and select **Save link as**.

<http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/music/music.cfm>

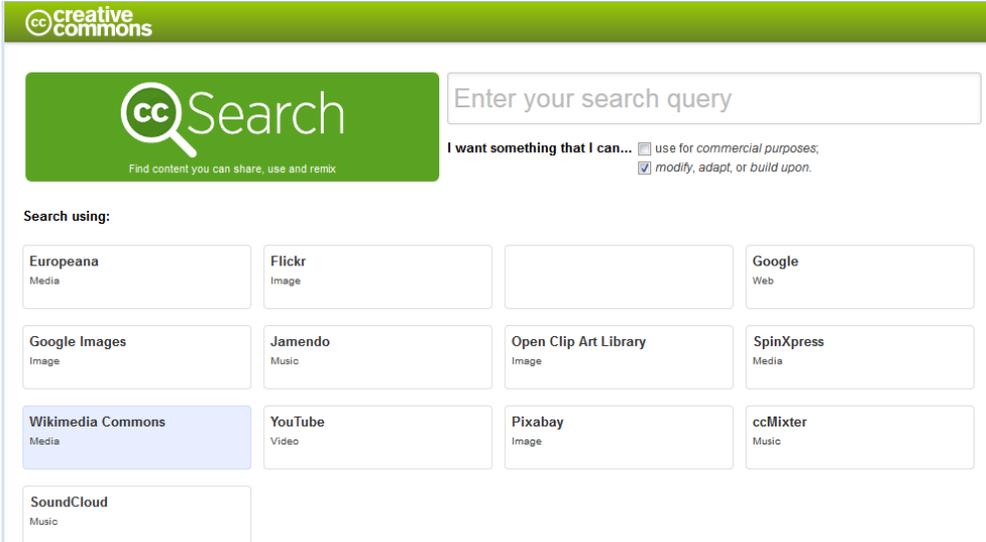


The screenshot shows the 'Digital History' website. At the top is a banner with the text 'Digital History' in a large, blue, serif font, with the tagline 'using new technologies to enhance teaching and research' below it. The background of the banner features a stylized American flag. Below the banner, the page is titled 'Digital History > Multimedia > Historic Music'. Underneath, there is a section titled 'Historic Music Currently Available:' followed by a paragraph explaining that the database contains copyright-free historical music for educational use. Below this is a 'Type: 1920s' section with a bulleted list of songs and their performers, including 'Ain't We Got Fun', 'April Showers', 'Carolina in the Morning', 'Daddy, You've Been Like a Mother to Me', 'Frankie and Johnny', 'Happy Tho' Married', 'I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles', 'Jazz Baby', and 'Makin' Whoopee'.

Creative Commons Search

The Creative Commons Organization offers a web search tool that provides a convenient method for locating media covered by creative commons licenses on sites such as ccMixter, Google, YouTube, Flickr, SoundCloud, Pixabay, and more.

<https://search.creativecommons.org/>



The screenshot shows the Creative Commons Search interface. At the top is the Creative Commons logo. Below it is a large green button with the text 'cc Search' and the tagline 'Find content you can share, use and remix'. To the right of the button is a search input field with the placeholder text 'Enter your search query'. Below the search field is a checkbox labeled 'I want something that I can...' with two options: 'use for commercial purposes;' (unchecked) and 'modify, adapt, or build upon.' (checked). Below this is a section titled 'Search using:' with a grid of search engine options. The options are: Europeanana (Media), Flickr (Image), Google (Web), Google Images (Image), Jamendo (Music), Open Clip Art Library (Image), SpinXpress (Media), Wikimedia Commons (Media), YouTube (Video), Pixabay (Image), ccMixter (Music), and SoundCloud (Music). The Wikimedia Commons option is highlighted in blue.

Harvard Law School Library Guide

For a more extensive list of public domain and creative commons material, see the Harvard Law School Library's guide. Use the **Images**, **Audio Content**, and **Video Content** links on the left side of the page to jump to sections containing various links to sources of public domain and creative commons items.

<http://guides.library.harvard.edu/c.php?g=310751#s-lg-page-section-2072819>

The screenshot shows the Harvard Law School Library website. At the top left is the Harvard Law School Library logo. To the right are links for 'Hours', 'Ask a Librarian', 'HLS', and 'Harvard Libraries'. The main heading is 'Finding Public Domain & Creative Commons Media'. Below this is a search bar with the text 'Enter Search Words' and a 'Search' button. A sub-heading reads 'This guide will help you find and correctly attribute public domain and Creative Commons media for your project or presentation.' Below that is a small profile picture of Carl Spina, with the text 'LAST UPDATED AUG 29, 2015' and 'Carl Spina | Email'. On the left side, there is a vertical 'Ask Us' button and a list of links: 'What Do Public Domain & Creative Commons Mean?', 'Images', 'Audio Content', 'Video Content', and 'Getting Help'. The 'What Do Public Domain & Creative Commons Mean?' link is circled in red. The main content area features the heading 'WHAT DO PUBLIC DOMAIN & CREATIVE COMMONS MEAN?' and a sub-heading 'Public Domain versus Creative Commons'. A large 'pd' logo is prominently displayed. To the right of the logo, there is text explaining that when adding images, videos, and other content that you did not create to your presentation, it is important to make sure that you are not violating anyone's copyright. One way to do so is to find public domain images for your presentations. Copyright.gov explains the public domain as follows: "A work of authorship is in the "public domain" if it is no

Tips for Content Searching

None of the sites listed previously use controlled vocabulary. In other words, unlike the items in library databases and catalogs, the media housed on these sites is not necessarily arranged under extensive, cross-referenced subject headings. This means you may have to search under numerous terms to locate all of the content that pertains to your subject.

For example, if you search for video material on the Internet Archive using the term *Vietnam*, you will not find the video clip discussing a 2009 apology from Lieutenant William Calley Jr, the only soldier convicted of the My Lai Massacre in Vietnam in 1968. Typing in *My Lai Massacre*, however, will return a news report entitled *Democracy Now* that includes a brief clip discussing the apology.

Democracy Now! Monday, August 24, 2009

Published August 24, 2009
Topics Democracy Now

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Democracy Now! Monday, August 24, 2009 : Calley Apologizes for 1968 My Lai Massacre

https://archive.org/details/dn2009-0824_vid

Thus, when looking for content on these media collection sites, try numerous terms, including both broad and narrow topics. If looking for material from a specific era, try entering the names of famous individuals from that time. Some sites may arrange material in collections. If you find a useful entry via a search box, try clicking on the collection link to show you other related entries. For example, clicking on the Universal News Reels Collection link in the following Peace March video, reveals more Vietnam protest material

Peace March. Thousands Oppose Vietnam War, 1967/04/18

https://archive.org/details/1967-04-18_Peace_March

Peace March. Thousands Oppose Vietnam War, 1967/04/18

Published 1967
Usage Public Domain (cc) (i)

Topics

Antiwar demonstrators protest in Central Park, march to UN building, included students and hippies and priests and nuns, burn draft cards, shouted confrontations with anti-antiwar marchers, prowar signs, Martin Luther King leads procession; another march in downtown San Francisco down Market Street to stadium, sponsored by loose coalition of left-wing anti-war groups, "President Johnson meanwhile let it be known that the FBI is closely watching all anti-war activity."- violence in Rome in night demonstration near US embassy, water jets used (partial newsreel)

Production Company Universal Studios
Audio/Visual sound, b&w

Reviews + Add Review

Review by [Wifred S. Wolf](#) 4.5/5.0 April 17, 2005

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MPEG2 1 file

OGG VIDEO 1 file

SHOW ALL 14 Files
5 Original

In Collection
Universal News+ reels
AND 1 MORE

Embedding Content

Some content providers will allow you to embed clips into a website or presentation, but will not allow you to download the clips and re-edit them. This can be useful if you find a clip that illustrates your point, but does not need to be edited into a longer video.

AP Archive YouTube Channel

The AP Archive YouTube Channel is a video archive of news events captured by the Associated Press. While you cannot download the material and re-edit it, the license agreement does allow users to embed the content onto your own website. Click the **Share** arrow and choose the **Embed** option to get the html code you need to embed the content into a WordPress site.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHTK-2W11Vh1V4uwofOfR4w/featured>

This example shows a demonstration in Boston.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2jbDmr2tcVc>



British Movietone

British Movietone is a companion site to the AP Archive. It contains news archives from 1895-1986. Similar to the AP channel, the license does not allow users to download the content. You can, however, embed videos into your site using the Share and Embed options.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChq777_waKMJw6SZdABmyaA

This example shows a peace demonstration in New York.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=APU1v73Ujco>

