

Outline

Thesis: Copyright legislation has had an intriguing history mainly because of advances in technology.

- I. Earliest concerns
 - A. Greece and Rome
 - B. Printing press
 - C. Licensing Acts
 - D. Statute of Anne
- II. The beginnings of American legislation
 - A. Discontent with British regulations
 - B. John Trumbull's M'Fingal
- III. Landmark cases in print media
 - A. Copyright Act of 1886 and Berne Convention
 - B. United Nations and Copyright Act of 1956
- IV. Electronic media
 - A. Audio and video tapes
 - B. CDs and DVDs
 - C. Napster and MP3
 - D. DCMA and WIPO
 - E. New York Times v. Tasini
- V. Other problems
 - A. Online courses
 - B. Works on the Web