

## 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