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THE 5 BASIC RULES

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- 2. Are you competing with the source your copying from?
- 3. Giving the author credit doesn't get you off the hook.
- 4. The more you take, the less fair use likely to be.
- 5. The quality of the material used is as important as the quality.

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