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Student Responses

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Here are some responses from my Junior High School students:

The way people think about music today is a huge issue. Some individuals seem to think it's their right to download music off the internet. They often don't even think of it as property. This is the way many American teenagers and young adults think, they take the stealing of music in stride. It's the sort of thing where it's difficult to get caught, so why not save the money? The possibility of any kind of repercussions is nearly non-existent so people are going to do this because it's easy and cheap. The government needs to find ways to regulate and monitor the massive theft being done to the music industry. This is probably the largest issue the music industry has faced and now that this can be done en masse, something has to be done.

Alex Bock

Most people illegally download songs from the web there should be some kind of monitoring of popular sites that music is illegally downloaded from. And it should be pretty heavily enforced by the federal government. The intellectual property of artists of all kinds should be protected so that they can get credit for all the hard work and emotion they put into their work, and it shouldn't be taken for granted by people who just steal without paying.

Ethan Fonda

My dream WAS to become a director or movie editor, but the only thing I will be editing is those dreams :(because people think that it's okay to pirate movies and illegally download them. Apparently, the entire film industry is going down due to this. Directors, editors, actors, anybody in the industry stopped trying because now they don't get paid. It's really quite heart-breaking to see so many jobs being thrown away due to people being selfish.

KD Nelson

Ever since I was a little girl I've been interested in editing video. I've been filming and editing video for eight years. It saddens me to know that if I get into this industry that my work could be pirated. It's something I LOVE to do and I am very passionate about it. To have a kind of career where you can work tremendously hard on something and have all the work you put into it never even show is terrible. I believe that we have to do more to prevent the work of others from falling in the hands of someone who unrightfully owns it. If we don't there will be no point at trying to pursue a career in anything with media if it's just going to be taken away from me.

Sara Ward

I always love music since I was a little kid I've been making music for a long time. A lot of people now these days steal illegally download songs from different popular websites. The government should take full control of these websites. The property of artists of every genre should be taken care of their songs copyrighted. Everybody stopped buying albums because of the websites. It's sad because many jobs had been taken away in the music industry because of the illegal downloads on these websites.

Chris Kelley

When I was a little girl I really enjoyed listening to music, and still today I enjoy listening to today's music. Today many people are still downloading music illegally from many different internet sites, and not even realizing what they just did and even how they could get arrested or even go to jail. I think that the government should be in charge of the websites and put a warning to the people who might go on that specific site that if they do get caught going on that site is that they would get an email saying you were on an illegal site, now you are not allowed to go on that site anymore, but if you keep on going on that same site you will get another email until you understand that you are not allowed to go on that site to download that music that you want to listen to.

Kelly Brown

Ever since I could remember I have been interested in music. In many different type of ways and by listening to artist such as aaliyah and faith evans that influenced me to want to be a music producer so I can produce good music that they made. During those times they made music. I believe that since I want to be a music producer I feel it will be hard to have my work kept safe because of the piracy and the Infringement going on .Many different ways how I think the government can protect the rights is by being In charge of the different websites that has the most illegal stuff being done . I also feel that there should be a website created so its safe for many artist to put there music on there and no illegal actions can take place .Also the last thing the government should do is that they should take more action about these illegal actions that are occurring .

Chawndria Harris

Ever since I was little I interested in music. By listening to different types of music like Nirvana and Flyleaf. I feel that the government can protect the rights of music by having people pay for the song that they download so that no illegal action would be taking place on the person who is downloading the song. Also I think that there should be a site for people to listen to music without doing anything illegal.

Justin Rugg

In the world that we live in, music becomes a person's passion, life, and soul. In film and video, music becomes the icon for the mood of the story in the film. Now these days, people can easily download music on different kinds of websites and programs that anyone can listen too. In my opinion, I think the government has the ability to limit the use of copyrighted music but I don't think they are doing enough to stop it from happening. Over a million Americans have illegally downloaded music and I think they have the power and technology to stop it from happening. Instead of downloading music off of software, I think downloading music off of websites would be the best way instead of illegally burning them to a CD. Music will never go away and will always continue to make people feel good about them. If that continues then illegally downloaded music will continue also. We are responsible for our actions and should always choose to do what's right.

Jordan Warner

In any society's golden age creativity is always one of the first advancements mentioned. The measure of a culture is not just their laws and government but also their painting, their music and their values. While America may be one of the strongest countries in the world, without a well-protected flourishing creative community she can never be one of the greatest countries in history without art to leave behind. In order for the music industry in particular to thrive, illegal downloading needs to be curbed somehow. I believe that it's impossible to stop the illegal leak of music, however. It's so pervasive in our culture at this point and technology is so continuously advancing that no permanent solution readily presents itself. The music industry must thrive or die on its own.

Amanda Kelly and Rachel Fancher

My name is Alex from Cheektowaga NY and I am a musician for a local death metal band Confirm The Kill. Intellectual property infringement affects me because it is taking away from future opportunities of employment. I believe that if this continues there will be fewer musicians who play venues or make a variety of professional recordings for their band. The less money the band makes the less effort and cost the musicians will put forth to fans. With that in mind think of what the future brings and if things continue the way they have then it could put a lot of recording studios out of business or make that a high difficulty. Intellectual property rights are important to

me because I feel they belong to their creator and should be free to use in terms of the creator only. I do believe the government should try to regulate some of the illegal acts of stealing others creative ideas, but shouldn't be eliminated as a whole. Sharing and distributing music for example is an important part of our culture. There are bands that are not in search of prophet and just want their music to be heard. I believe as long as the contents owner agrees to distribute their work to others for free, then they should be allowed to. Free music to some bands is a great way to attract attention of new fans and spread their ideas. Also normal people wouldn't have the money to buy all the music they want. To be realistic many artists wouldn't get near the wide spread popularity with out free music.

Alex Schad

My name is Ashley. I am currently in a class at school where we use a lot of music. The intellectual rights are very important to me. I see people downloading illegal songs of youtube.. The music is not that expensive to download of a legal site so I don't see no reason why you should not be doing it legally. If we keep doing this the music prices on Itunes or napster will become more expensive. Music is an important thing in our daily life's such as when we take a walk in the park and your favorite bands our right there in the palm of your hands.

Ashley Metzget

Hi my name is Nicholas and I really think that the music scene today is the main focus of the world cause no matter where you look or listen you find music and when people down load music and illegally distribute it the most hurt is the producer cause it's there work of art being stolen and used without permission it's the same thing as stealing a major piece of art . so we definitely need to do something more about protecting music and other forms of media
Nicholas Michael Jarosz

Hello, my name is Joey and I feel that not many people care about the intellectual rights because they have never made a living off of music as well. Although I would agree with the many people that say music is very overpriced. Someone should not have to pay more for a song than they would a \$1.25 bottle of soda pop. The "hit" songs on itunes from artists have been jacked up to \$1.29 which is totally not worth it. A solution to these problems is possibly having a deal for every song you buy, you can download an additional one, half priced, or even free of charge. I'm sure that would make people choose to purchase songs more often than not.

Joey Putrelo

Thank you.

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