Part of each of the orientation sessions we conduct in the Arts Library touches on finding images, but what happens when you want to use an image you've found? Published in February of this year, the College Art Association's Code of Best Practices in Fair Use for the Visual Arts [1] is an essential resource for those who make use of images in scholarly and creative work. The Code describes situations when a “fair use” argument may apply as an exception to copyright. Specifically, it addresses the question of whether fair use applies in contexts of Analytic Writing, Teaching about Art, Making Art, Museum Uses, and Online Access to Archival and Special Collections. Take a look at the Code and CAA's page on Fair Use [2] for the full details.

Have more questions about images? Though arts librarians cannot provide legal advice, we are available to help you find resources to learn more about image rights and permissions.

External link: http://web.library.yale.edu/arts/news/fairuse [3]