The Use of Photographs in Websites

# All Photos are Automatically Copyrighted

No copyright notice is required

# Photos in the Public Domain

Public domain photos may be used freely

However, credit should be given to the agency and photographer (if known)

The accession number for the figure should be given in the credit

Photos created by government agencies

Not necessarily photos from government archives because they receive donations

The donation letter will specify use

U.S. photos older than 1935 are almost always in the public domain

# Photographic Collections

### General

Labeled as Public Domain (be skeptical)

You can always ask for permission to use. Often given without charge.

### Royalty Free Commercial Collections

Pay a lump sum, usually for usage up to some maximum amount of copies

Not free!

### Rights Managed Commercial Collections

You must specify the use in detail

Rights owner or manager will set the price

# Photos You Take Yourself

If there is a person in the photograph, you must get a model release

If the object is a product, you must ask for permission

# Fair Use

For purposes of an educational process, normally not a problem