**Writing to Learn/Think: Writing to Prepare**

Ethical Analysis

The purpose of this writing assignment is to help get you ready for your 6 page research paper which will investigate some ethical issue.

This assignment asks you to write a 3-4 page (double-spaced, one inch margins everywhere, 12-point Times New Roman font) paper.

**Ethical Scenario**

**A student tells you they know they are illegally downloading songs and videos but they have no money to purchase the songs/videos as a struggling college student, so they are obviously not causing any loss of sale (economic harm) to the recording artist/performers.**

Consider the four fair use guidelines. Is this ethical? Why/why not?

Include a couple of paragraphs where you discuss the various types of intellectual property, including music and videos.

Include a description of the four fair use guidelines and how they apply in this ethical scenario.

Include an argument that what they are doing is fair use.

Include an argument that what they are doing is not fair use.

Make your own decision regarding whether or not their actions constitute fair use. Include your decision along with the rationale upon which you based your decision.