

These are web-search questions. The answer give some flavor and perspective on patents and copyrights. It's useful to know you can look these things up. You will probably get more nuance and flavor by reading some of the issues around them that you will likely run into while looking up the answers.

1. When did the US 4,870,302 patent expire?
(how does the patent relate to a topic we touched on in class?)
2. Who owns the patent on GIF?
3. When did/will the GIF patent expire?
4. Why are there so many Sherlock Holmes series and movies out now?
(e.g., Sherlock (BBC), Elementary, Irregulars, Enola Holmes, Robert Downey Jr. movies)
5. When does the Mickey Mouse copyright expire?