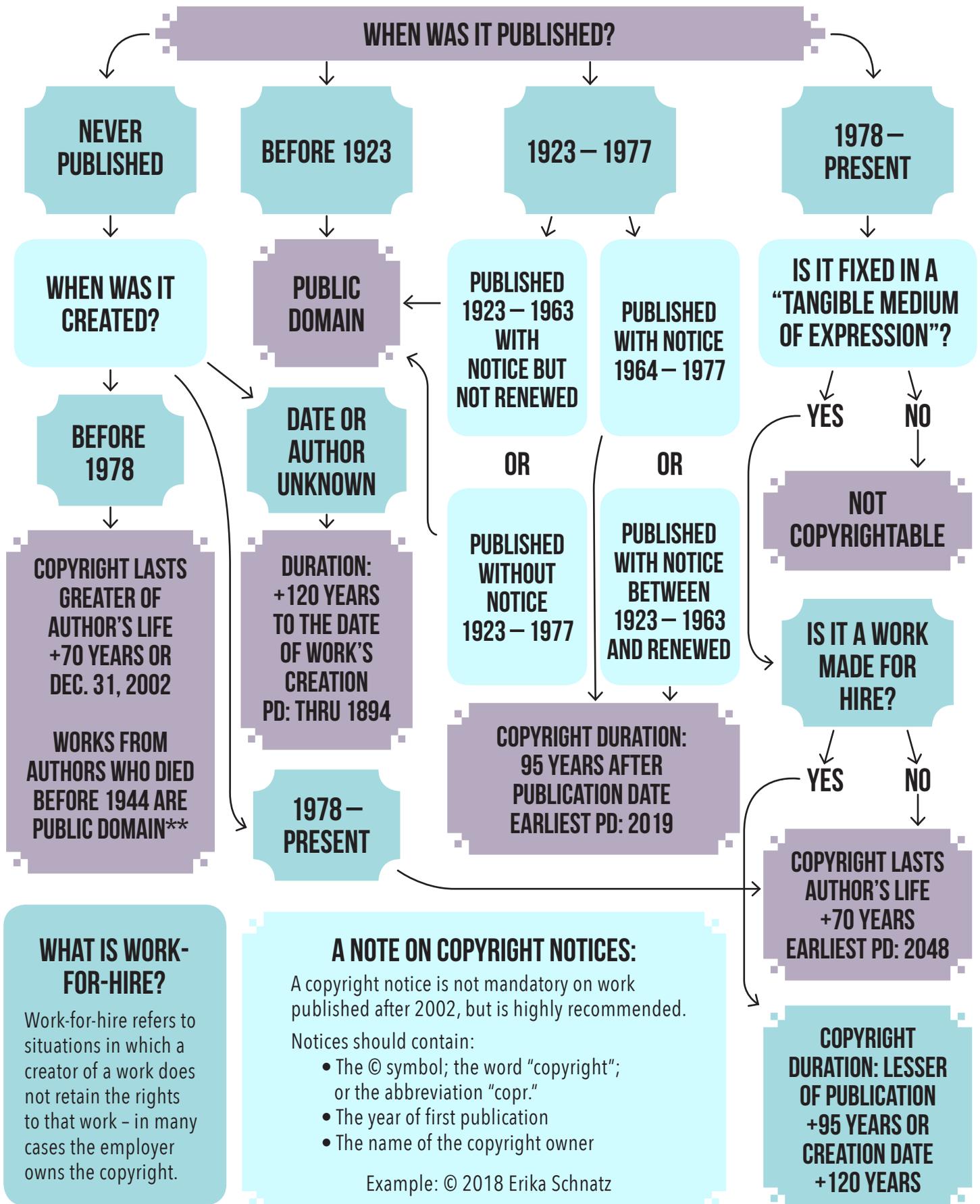


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WHAT IS WORK-FOR-HIRE?

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