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Rule 1 – Punctuating Titles

Underline the title of any book, magazine, or newspaper (longer complete materials). Enclose titles of reports, songs, and poems (shorter or small parts of a complete material) in quotation marks.

Rule 2 – Capitalizing Titles

Capitalize the **first word**, the **last word**, and each **important word in the middle** when writing titles.

Words that are not important include:

- articles (a, an, the)
- coordinating conjunctions (for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so)
- prepositions that are less than five letters (in, of, to, on, from, by. . .)

Practice:

Use editing marks to correctly capitalize and punctuate the following sentences.

Examples

far from home: adventures of a yellow dog was a movie that came to the theaters in 1995.

do you know the words to the song "how much is that doggie in the window?" written by bobby merrill in 1952?

1. the call of the wild and white fang are books written by jack london
2. because of winn-dixie is both a book and a movie
3. on the news website science daily, you can read an article titled siberian fossil revealed to be one of the oldest known domestic dogs
4. elvis presley sang a song called hound dog in 1956
5. modern dog is a wonderful magazine if you are a dog lover
6. big scare in the big easy is my favorite episode of scooby-doo
7. did you see the movie beverly hills chihuahua

8. balto is a statue in central park that commemorates the famous siberian huskey who transported the diphtheria serum to nome alaska
9. lassie was a famous tv series in the 1950's
10. a boy meets his dog was painted by norman rockwell
11. snoopy is a fictional character in the comic strip peanuts by charles schulz
12. encyclopedia of dog breeds gives excellent information about dogs
13. tracking plott hound history is a book about north carolinas state dog
14. im writing a report titled working dog breeds
15. the barter players came to our school and presented a play called where the red fern grows based on the book with the same title
16. the american kennel club has a pamphlet for students called canine summer safety tips
17. one great magazine about dogs is animal wellness
18. lady and the tramp and old yeller are two movies about dogs
19. shiloh was written by phyllis reynolds naylor
20. sheepdogs and cattle herders is just one of the chapters from the dog encyclopedia

Write a sentence about each of the following. Be sure to include the title in your sentence.

Your favorite movie

Your favorite book

Your favorite video game

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Using Titles in Text

The titles of major works are set apart from regular text. Major works are books, long poems, magazines, newspapers, journals, movies, plays, television shows, ballets, operas, paintings, albums, and names of ships.

When you are handwriting, you underline the title of the major work. If you are typing, you put the title in italics.

Example:

He checked out a book called *The Three Musketeers* by Alexandre Dumas.

Or if handwritten:

He checked out a book called The Three Musketeers by Alexandre Dumas.

Titles of smaller works are put in quotation marks. These are magazine articles, songs, essays, short stories, book chapter names, short poems, and television episodes.

I read an article in the *Chicago Tribune* titled "The Best Places for Pizza."

Rewrite each of the following sentences, using quotation marks and underlining or italics where needed.

1. Aline likes to sing the song O! Susanna.
2. The teacher read to the students from the book Where the Red Fern Grows.
3. Jim's grandmother gave him a subscription to National Geographic magazine.
4. Edgar Allen Poe wrote many short stories such as The Tell-Tale Heart.
5. Every Christmas the family went to see The Nutcracker performed by the city ballet company.
6. The Sesame Street theme song is Can You Tell Me How to Get to Sesame Street?
7. Last night I began the chapter in Black Beauty entitled Going For the Doctor.
8. The Lobster Quadrille is a short poem in Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll.

Title of Works: Quotation Marks vs. Italics or Underlining

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Below are titles of works with a short description. Rewrite the title using the correct format.

1. Inspector Gadget (television show)
2. Peter Pan, or The Boy Who Wouldn't Grow Up (play)
3. The 12 Best Places to Read Books (magazine article)
4. Los Angeles Times (newspaper)
5. How to Train Your Dragon (movie)
6. The Gift of the Magi (short story)
7. USS Arizona (a battleship)
8. Casey at the Bat (a short poem)
9. The Adventures of Tom Sawyer (book)
10. The Journey to the Great Oz (book chapter title)

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Italics and Underlining for Titles

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Circle the words in the following sentences that should be underlined or placed in italics.

1. The Lion King was a movie and also a play on Broadway.
2. The family watched The Wizard of Oz on television.
3. The Mona Lisa hangs in Paris, France at the Louvre Museum.
4. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's epic poem Evangeline: A Tale of Acadie is divided into two parts of five sections, called cantos.
5. The first chapter of David Copperfield by Charles Dickens is entitled I Am Born.
6. The Washington Post newspaper was founded in 1877.
7. The British ship RMS Titanic sank in August 1912.
8. I think Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone was better than Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix.
9. People magazine has an annual list called The 25 Most Intriguing People of the Year.
10. William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet was written before Hamlet.

Punctuating Titles

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1) In print, titles of longer works are italicized, or printed in italics. *This sentence is printed in italics.* In handwritten papers, underlining is used to set off the words in some kinds of titles.

- ◇ books, plays, book length poems
- ◇ newspapers, magazines, pamphlets
- ◇ movies and television series
- ◇ paintings, sculptures, CD titles, ballets, operas, musicals
- ◇ ships, aircraft, and space craft

2) Use quotation marks to enclose the titles of shorter works.

- ◇ short stories
- ◇ essays
- ◇ short poems
- ◇ songs, articles
- ◇ chapters of books
- ◇ television episodes

3) Capitalize the letter of the first word, the last word, and all important words in a title.

Part I - Directions: Add underlining or quotation marks wherever needed in the following sentences.

1. The book American Folk Toys includes directions for making many simple toys.
2. Some students in ballet class will have roles in the Nutcracker Suite.
3. Our group is studying Walter de la Mare's poem The Listeners.
4. One of my favorite episodes of Star Trek was called The Trouble with Tribbles.
5. The short story A Time of Beginnings was about the life of an artist.
6. In the history book Across the Centuries there's a chapter called Colonial Americans -
- How They Lived.
7. Jasmine will sing The Star-Spangled Banner at the baseball game tomorrow night.
8. Walt Disney's film Fantasia was the first color cartoon to feature classical music.
9. The song Tomorrow is from my favorite musical Annie.
10. I enjoyed Jack London's story To Build a Fire and his novel The Call of the Wild.
11. North by Northwest is a classic Alfred Hitchcock film.
12. The famous opera Madame Butterfly has a tragic story line.
13. My aunt Lulu always sends me a subscription to National Geographic magazine at Christmas time.

14. Lord Byron's poem Don Juan is so long that it fills an entire book.
15. The space shuttle Colombia landed perfectly after its flight.
16. I hope to see the exhibit about the Titanic at the Metreon in San Francisco.
17. The San Francisco Examiner had a great article called 49er's and Raiders Clash.
18. I really liked the way Catherine McPhee sang Somewhere Over the Rainbow on American Idol.
19. Did you like Langston Hughes' story Thank You Madam?
20. The song Listen on Beyonce's new album B'Day is from the upcoming movie Dreamgirls.

PART II

21. Write a sentence that contains a song title.

22. Write a sentence that contains a magazine title.

23. Write a sentence that contains a movie title.

24. Write a sentence that contains a book title.

25. Write a sentence that contains a poem or chapter title.
