

## Punctuating Titles

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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22. Write a sentence that contains a magazine title.

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23. Write a sentence that contains a movie title.

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24. Write a sentence that contains a book title.

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

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