

Lesson 8

Punctuating Titles

Teaching

Quotation marks, italics, and underlining used correctly in titles show what kind of work or selection is named.

Quotation Marks Use quotation marks to set off the titles of short works.

Book chapter	"The Sailboat Race," from <i>Stuart Little</i>	Magazine article	"Travel the Unbeaten Path"
Short story	"Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde"	Song	"Star Spangled Banner"
Essay	"Civil Disobedience"	Poem	"O Captain! My Captain"

Italics and Underlining Use italics for titles of longer works and for the names of ships, trains, spacecraft, and individual airplanes (not the type of plane). In handwriting, use underlining to indicate words that should be in italics in printed material.

Book	<i>A Tale of Two Cities</i>	Epic poem	<i>The Iliad</i>
Play	<i>My Fair Lady</i>	Painting	<i>View of Toledo</i>
Magazine	<i>Newsweek</i>	Ship	<i>Lusitania</i>
Movie	<i>Beauty and the Beast</i>	Train	<i>Super Chief</i>
Long musical selection or CD	<i>Victory at Sea</i>	Airplane or Spacecraft	<i>Endeavour</i>

Punctuating Titles Correctly

Write each sentence, using quotation marks or underlining correctly to set off titles.

1. Did Mr. Talbot see *Death of a Salesman* when it was on Broadway?

2. Thoreau wrote *Civil Disobedience* and the much longer work, *Walden*.

3. The guest star sang *People Will Say We're in Love* from the musical *Oklahoma!*

4. *View of Toledo* is by the great Spanish painter El Greco.

5. *O Captain! My Captain!* is a poem by Walt Whitman.

6. We rode the *Orient Express* to Istanbul.

7. Mark Twain wrote the historical novel *The Prince and the Pauper*.

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More Practice

A. Punctuating Titles Correctly

In each sentence below, insert quotation marks where needed and underline words that should be italicized.

1. How many times has Abby read Little Women?
2. Do you know why The Surprise Symphony got that name?
3. Clare loves the poem Eletelephony.
4. NASA built the Endeavour following the explosion of the Challenger.
5. The Gift of the Magi is a famous short story by O. Henry.
6. Have you ever seen Pablo Picasso's famous antiwar painting Guernica?
7. Naomi read Robert Frost's poem Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening.
8. George Gershwin wrote music not only for Broadway musicals such as Of Thee I Sing, but also for the concert hall, for example, Rhapsody in Blue.
9. When exactly did the Titanic sink?
10. There is a famous song called City of New Orleans.

B. Punctuating Titles Correctly

Use each title given in parentheses in a sentence, punctuating the title correctly.

1. (traditional song: Yankee Doodle) _____

2. (book by L. Frank Baum: The Wizard of Oz) _____

3. (short story by Washington Irving: The Legend of Sleepy Hollow) _____

4. (poem by Edgar Allan Poe: The Raven) _____

5. (cruise ship: Queen Mary) _____

6. (play by William Shakespeare: A Midsummer Night's Dream) _____
