

# Punctuating Titles

**Grammar Mania Monday**

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The titles of certain works are most often indicated with either “quotation marks” or *italics*.

The style presented here is consistent with *The Chicago Manual of Style* and the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, and is appropriate for most academic and professional writing; however, newspapers tend to favor quotation marks in place of italics for most titles.

# *Italicized* Titles

**Big** things and things that can stand on their own, like books, are *italicized*.

Blogs	Books	Cartoons	Journals
Magazines	Movies	Albums	Newspapers
Databases	Paintings	Plays	Epic Poems
	Sculptures	TV Shows	Websites

Note: When writing by hand, underline the title instead of *italicizing* it.

# “Quotation Marks” Around Titles

Little things that are dependent or that come as part of a group, like chapters, are put into “quotation marks.”

Articles

Photos

Chapters

Short Poems

Episodes

Short Stories

Essays

Songs

# Example

You can think of a CD or album as major (big) works that can be divided into smaller parts, or songs. The individual song names (small) are punctuated with quotation marks.

For example:

*Because the Internet*, by Childish Gambino, includes the song "Sweatpants."

# Practice

1. The book *The Things They Carried* includes a compilation of short stories; my favorite is *In the Field*.
2. Every students in English II will have roles in *A Raisin in the Sun*.
3. Our class is studying the poem *Harlem (A Dream Deferred)* by Langston Hughes.
4. One of my favorite episodes of *The Office* was called *The Injury*.
5. The short story *A Sound of Thunder* was about the butterfly effect.

# Individual Practice

1. I have only read excerpts from the epic poem The Odyssey.
2. The song Young Dumb & Broke is from Kahlid's album American Teen.
3. A Quiet place is a great film directed by one of my favorite actors.
4. My aunt always sends me a subscription to National Geographic for Christmas.
5. Have you read The Most Dangerous Game?
6. The San Francisco Examiner had a great article called 49er's and Raiders Clash.
7. I used ProQuest to find the article Life on Mars.
8. Ender's Game gets interesting when you get to the chapter titled Launch.