

Punctuating Titles

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When writing titles it is important to understand that different types of titles require different typographical features. By following these two simple rules, you'll never forget which type of punctuation goes with each type of title:

- 1) Short works and parts of long works are in "quotation marks."
- 2) Long works and collections of short works are put in *italics* (or underlined when writing by hand).

Titles to Be Enclosed in Quotation Marks

Short Works or Sections of Longer Works

Short Stories

"A Sound of Thunder" by Ray Bradbury

"The Landlady" by Roald Dahl

Song Titles

"Old Town Road" by Lil Nas X

"Bad Guy" by Billie Eilish

Short Poems (Most of the poems you will read in school)

"Nothing Gold Can Stay" by Robert Frost

"Casey at the Bat" by Ernest Lawrence Thayer

Chapters in a Book

"The Boy Who Lived" - Chapter 1 in *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*

"An Unexpected Party" - Chapter 1 in *The Hobbit*

Episodes of TV Show

"The One Where Monica Gets a Roommate" - Pilot episode of *Friends*

"The Vanishing of Will Byers" - Episode 1 of *Stranger Things*

Articles in a Newspaper, Magazine, or Website

"Steven Matz Continues His Strong Stretch" - from *Newsday*

"Ryan Reynolds Being Asked to Save Spider-Man" - from CNN.com

Essays or Classroom Handouts

"Punctuating Titles" by Mr. Arresto

"Shooting an Elephant" by George Orwell

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Titles to Be Italicized or Underlined

Long Works or Collections of Short Works

Novels

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by JK Rowling

The Misfits by James Howe

Album Titles

When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go? by Billie Eilish

Thank U, Next by Ariana Grande

Video Games

Red Dead Redemption II

Super Mario Odyssey

Plays

Hamilton

Fiddler on the Roof

TV Shows and Movies

Friends

Avengers: Endgame

Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker

Newspapers and Magazines

The Wall Street Journal

Sports Illustrated

Anthologies and Collections

The Poetry of Robert Frost: The Collected Poems

Famous Works of Art

Mona Lisa by Leonardo da Vinci

The Starry Night by Vincent van Gogh

NOTES

There are NO titles which are enclosed in quotation marks **and** italicized/underlined at the same time.

Ex. My favorite TV show is "*Friends*."

When typing the titles of longer works, use italics. While it technically would not be wrong to underline the title, most style guides now only suggest underlining longer titles when writing by hand.