

Titles of books, movies, plays, magazines, songs, stories, etc., are treated in specific ways.

- Capitalize the first word, the last word, and every word in between except for articles (*the, a, an*), short prepositions, and short conjunctions.

The Legend of the **White Buffalo Woman**
So You Want to Be President?
 Around the **World** in a **Hundred Years**

- When you write in handwriting, underline the titles of books, movies, and television programs, and the names of newspapers and magazines.

Jurassic Park (movie)
Hatchet (book)
Boys' Life (magazine)

- If you are using a word processor, use italics instead of underlining.

Jurassic Park (movie)
Hatchet (book)
Boys' Life (magazine)

- Use quotation marks around the titles of stories, magazine articles, essays, songs, and most poems.

“The Star-Spangled Banner” (song)
 “Safety Tips for Campers” (article)
 “Rain” (poem)

Titles

Punctuation

Rewrite these sentences, using the correct punctuation for each title.

- 1.** I am reading one chapter from Tom Sawyer every night before I go to bed.

- 2.** Every Saturday morning, my little brother watches the cartoon Rugrats.

- 3.** The scariest story in Horrifying Bedtime Stories was Sounds in the Night by T.S. Jones.

- 4.** My favorite patriotic song is America, the Beautiful.

- 5.** We read articles from Newsweek, Time, and The Daily Herald for our report.

- 6.** I read an interesting article entitled Kayaking in Alaska in the National Geographic World magazine.

Capital Letters in Titles

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A Rewrite these sentences, using the correct capitalization.

1. We are studying the poem "the midnight ride of paul revere" in history class.

2. Are we supposed to read "across the plains" or "mountain trek" in our history book for homework tonight?

3. Did you see war of the worlds on television last night?

4. We are going to sing "o little town of bethlehem" in the Christmas program at church.

B Complete these sentences by writing the titles of your favorites. Be sure to underline titles of books, magazines, movies, and television shows. Use quotation marks for poems and songs.

1. The best book I ever read was _____.

2. _____ is my favorite song of all time.

3. _____ was the greatest movie I've seen this year.

4. I could read the poem _____ over and over again.

5. Yesterday I watched _____ on TV.

6. If I were going to read a magazine, I would choose _____.

Correct the Titles

Read the paragraphs below. Find mistakes in the capitalization and punctuation of titles. Write the titles correctly on the lines.

Many Roald Dahl children's books have been made into movies. James and the giant peach is one of my favorite Dahl-inspired movies. The young boy who plays James is both a good actor and an excellent singer. He can really belt out the song james, where are you?

Many Maurice Sendak works have been compiled into a video called the maurice sendak library. Song versions of the poems alligators all around and one was johnny appear in the video. Peter Schickele also reads the Sendak books where the wild things are and in the night kitchen. Following the poem and story presentations is an interview with Maurice Sendak himself.
