

LESSON

Punctuating Titles

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LITERATURE



- ★ Titles of long works are put in italics or underlined. These include the titles of novels, movies, albums, works of art, newspapers, magazines, ships, and planes.

My favorite book this year is *The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster. The movie version uses Mel Blanc, who also did The Bugs Bunny Movie.

Titles of shorter works are put in quotation marks. These works include titles of songs, chapters, articles, short poems, and short stories.

The story “Rikki-Tikki-Tavi” is part of *The Jungle Book*.

Quotation marks go outside commas and periods.

The movie has a great song called, “The Bare Necessities.”

A Add underlines or quotation marks. (Hint: some sentences may have more than one title in it and others may have none.)

1. I like the book called From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler.
2. Claudia becomes entranced by the statue Angel.
3. The children hid in the Metropolitan Museum of Art.
4. New York has three major newspapers: The Wall Street Journal, New York Times and Daily News.
5. One article recently was The greatest movie ever.
6. I think the greatest movie is still Shrek.
7. The song from it, Hallelujah, is very pretty.
8. A good chapter in the book Loser is named Win.
9. The funniest section in the magazine Reader’s Digest is called Humor in Uniform.
10. I read about Amelia Earhart and her flight in the plane Friendship.

B Write a complete sentence giving a title to fit the category.

1. two of your favorite books: _____

2. a chapter in a book:

3. your favorite song: _____

4. the title of a CD:

5. the name of a ship:

6. the name of a newspaper:

7. the names of two magazines: _____

8. the title of a magazine or newspaper article:

9. the name of your favorite movie: _____

10. the name of a short story or poem:

C Write a few sentences about your favorite book or CD. Give the title and a short description. Then tell your favorite chapter or song and tell why it is your favorite.

