



ITALICS vs. QUOTATION MARKS

Generally and grammatically speaking, put titles of shorter works in quotation marks but italicize titles of longer works. (For example, put a “song title” in quotation marks but italicize the *title of the CD* it appears on.)

TITLES/NAMES TO BE ITALICIZED

Books	<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>
Magazines/Journals	<i>Newsweek</i> or <i>Tax Planning Quarterly</i>
Newspapers	<i>St. Louis Post-Dispatch</i>
Pamphlets	<i>How to Take Your Own Blood Pressure</i>
Movies/Plays/Musicals	<i>The Producers</i> or <i>Waiting for Godot</i> or <i>West Side Story</i>
Long Poems	<i>The Odyssey</i> or <i>The Rime of the Ancient Mariner</i>
Radio/TV Program	<i>A Prairie Home Companion</i> or <i>The West Wing</i>
Ballet/Dance	<i>Les Sylphides</i> or <i>Rodeo</i>
Operas/Musical Pieces	<i>La Traviata</i> or <i>Rhapsody in Blue</i>
Paintings/Sculptures	<i>Mona Lisa</i> or <i>The Burghers of Calais</i>
Ships/Planes/Trains	<i>Titanic</i> or <i>Air Force One</i> or <i>Mistral</i>
Musical CD's	<i>A Hard Day's Night</i>

TITLES/NAMES TO BE PUT IN QUOTATION MARKS

Articles/Essays	“Letter from Birmingham Jail”
Book Chapters	“Legal Issues and Fetal Alcohol Syndrome”
Short Stories	“Why I Live at the P.O.”
Short Poems	“Musee des Beaux Arts”
Songs	“Can't Buy Me Love”
Radio/TV Episodes	“Soup Nazi” from <i>Seinfeld</i>

TITLES NEEDING CAPITALS BUT NOT ITALICS OR QUOTATION MARKS

Music in number or key	Prelude and Fugue in E flat Major
Sacred Writings	Bible or Koran or Bhagavadgita
Editions or Societies	Kittredge's Shakespeare or Anglo-Norman Text Society
Diseases	Tay-Sachs disease (but <u>not</u> cancer, polio, leukemia, etc.)
Acronyms	FBI, AIDS, NAACP
Conventional Titles	U.S. Constitution or Declaration of Independence
Student's Paper Title	Role of the Djinn in Islamic Belief

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