Title Mark Detectives

Sort, prove, and create poem titles.

3.L.GC.1.41 "Mechanics: Use conventional capitalization and underlining, quotation marks, or italics to indicate titles of works. (Introduce)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

CORRECT

A poem title is correct when the first and important words begin with capital letters and the title has quotation marks.

"A Tiny Sailboat"

REVISE

This poem title is missing capital letters, quotation marks, or both. It needs to be revised.

my noisy drum

1 SORT

8 items

For each poem title, circle CORRECT or REVISE, then choose two items and tell what makes each correct or what each needs.

1.	"Purple Clouds"	CORRECT REVISE
2.	"The Fox Finds Home"	CORRECT REVISE
3.	whispers at night	CORRECT REVISE
4.	"Jumping Frogs"	CORRECT REVISE
5.	"the Old Oak"	CORRECT REVISE
6.	rainy Day	CORRECT REVISE
7.	"Seven Bright Stars"	CORRECT REVISE
8.	"Across the river"	CORRECT REVISE

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new CORRECT poem title and one new REVISE poem title.

CORRECT _____

REVISE _____

CHALLENGE

Rewrite this poem title correctly: golden leaves in fall

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	“Purple Clouds”	**CORRECT**	The important words are capitalized, and quotation marks show it is a poem title.
2	“The Fox Finds Home”	**CORRECT**	The first and important words are capitalized, and the title has quotation marks.
3	whispers at night	**REVISE**	It needs quotation marks and capital letters for Whispers and Night.
4	“Jumping Frogs”	**CORRECT**	Both important words are capitalized, and the title has quotation marks.
5	“the Old Oak”	**REVISE**	The first word, The, should begin with a capital letter.
6	rainy Day	**REVISE**	It needs quotation marks and a capital letter for Rainy.
7	“Seven Bright Stars”	**CORRECT**	The important words are capitalized, and quotation marks show it is a poem title.
8	“Across the river”	**REVISE**	River is an important word and should begin with a capital letter.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **CORRECT**: “A Blue Balloon”
- **REVISE**: summer picnic

Challenge: “Golden Leaves in Fall”

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. Accept other student-created titles if their capitalization and quotation marks match the category.