

Title Detectives

Spot short-work titles that are ready to share.

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

NAME _____

DATE _____

CORRECTLY WRITTEN

This short-work title has quotation marks and correct capitalization.

Article: "Where Do Bees Sleep?"

NEEDS A FIX

This title is missing quotation marks, capital letters, or both.

Poem: clouds drift away

1 SORT

8 items

Circle CORRECT or REVISE for each title, then choose two items and explain which title rule helped you decide.

1. Poem: "Lanterns in the Dark"

CORRECT

REVISE

2. Song: blue sky morning

CORRECT

REVISE

3. Article: A Visit to the Aquarium

CORRECT

REVISE

4. Song: "Turn the Page"

CORRECT

REVISE

5. Poem: "Footprints on the Trail"

CORRECT

REVISE

6. Article: "Why Leaves Change Color"

CORRECT

REVISE

7. Song: "dancing under stars"

CORRECT

REVISE

8. Poem: "The Tiny Seed"

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 correctly written short-work title and one short-work title that needs a fix.

CORRECT _____

REVISE _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence that names a song and a poem. Use quotation marks and correct capitalization for both titles.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Poem: "Lanterns in the Dark"	CORRECT	The poem title has quotation marks and correct title capitalization.
2	Song: blue sky morning	REVISE	The song title needs quotation marks and capital letters.
3	Article: A Visit to the Aquarium	REVISE	The article title needs quotation marks.
4	Song: "Turn the Page"	CORRECT	The song title has quotation marks and correct title capitalization.
5	Poem: "Footprints on the Trail"	CORRECT	The poem title has quotation marks and correct title capitalization.
6	Article: "Why Leaves Change Color"	CORRECT	The article title has quotation marks and correct title capitalization.
7	Song: "dancing under stars"	REVISE	The song title needs capital letters.
8	Poem: "The Tiny Seed"	CORRECT	The poem title has quotation marks and correct title capitalization.

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:** Song: "Morning at the Lake"
- **REVISE:** Article: finding a new friend

Challenge: I sang "Brave Little Bird" and read "A Walk Through the Woods".

For Part 2, responses vary. A complete explanation identifies quotation marks, title capitalization, or both and connects the rule to each chosen item.