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.

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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.