

Title Mark Detectives

Sort titles by correct writing and needed revisions.

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

NAME _____

DATE _____

CORRECTLY WRITTEN

Capitalize important words in a title. Italicize or underline a book, movie, or magazine title, and use quotation marks for a poem or short story title.

Movie: <i>Hidden Figures</i>

NEEDS REVISION

This title has a capitalization error or uses the wrong title marks. Change it so the work type has the right marks.

Poem: "still i rise"

1 SORT _____ 8 items

In Part 1, circle CORRECT or REVISE for each title; in Part 2, choose two items and explain which capitalization and title marks led to each choice.

1. Book: <i>The Secret Garden</i>

CORRECT

REVISE

2. Short story: "the last leaf"

CORRECT

REVISE

3. Movie: "The Princess Bride"

CORRECT

REVISE

4. Magazine: <i>National Geographic</i>

CORRECT

REVISE

5. Poem: "The Road Not Taken"

CORRECT

REVISE

6. Book: <i>A Wrinkle in Time</i>

CORRECT

REVISE

7. Movie: <i>Finding nemo</i>

CORRECT

REVISE

8. Short story: "Thank You, Ma'am"

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 correctly written title and one new title that needs revision. Include the work type, such as book or poem, with each title.

CORRECT _____

REVISE _____

CHALLENGE

Choose a book, movie, magazine, poem, or short story, write its title correctly, and write one sentence that explains your choice of italics, underlining, or quotation marks.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Book: <i>The Secret Garden</i>	CORRECT	The book title is italicized and its important words are capitalized.
2	Short story: "the last leaf"	REVISE	A short story uses quotation marks, but the important words in the title need capital letters.
3	Movie: "The Princess Bride"	REVISE	A movie title should be italicized or underlined, not placed in quotation marks.
4	Magazine: <i>National Geographic</i>	CORRECT	The magazine title is italicized and both important words are capitalized.
5	Poem: "The Road Not Taken"	CORRECT	A poem title uses quotation marks and its important words are capitalized.
6	Book: <i>A Wrinkle in Time</i>	CORRECT	The book title is italicized, and the title capitalization is correct.
7	Movie: <i>Finding nemo</i>	REVISE	The movie title is italicized, but Nemo needs a capital letter.
8	Short story: "Thank You, Ma'am"	CORRECT	The short story title uses quotation marks and its important words are capitalized.

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:** Book: <i>Esperanza Rising</i>
- **REVISE:** Poem: <i>the tyger</i>

Challenge: Short story: "The Gift of the Magi" I used quotation marks because a short story is a short work.

For Part 2, accept explanations that identify the title type and correctly describe capitalization or title marks. In Part 3, answers may use any real or invented title if the formatting matches the named work type.