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: *Hidden Figures*

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: *The Secret Garden*	CORRECT REVISE
2.	Short story: "the last leaf"	CORRECT REVISE
3.	Movie: "The Princess Bride"	CORRECT REVISE
4.	Magazine: *National Geographic*	CORRECT REVISE
5.	Poem: "The Road Not Taken"	CORRECT REVISE
6.	Book: *A Wrinkle in Time*	CORRECT REVISE
7.	Movie: *Finding nemo*	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** _____

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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.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Book: *The Secret Garden*	**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: *National Geographic*	**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: *A Wrinkle in Time*	**CORRECT**	The book title is italicized, and the title capitalization is correct.
7	Movie: *Finding nemo*	**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: *Esperanza Rising*
- **REVISE**: Poem: *the tyger*

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

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