

MECHANICS

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Titles

- ▶ Capitalize the first, last, and all important words in a title.
- ▶ Underline the titles of books, magazines, newspapers, and movies.
- ▶ Use quotation marks around titles of short stories, articles, songs, book chapters, and most poems.
- ▶ Punctuation that follows a title usually goes inside the quotation marks.

I liked the book The Emerald City of Oz.

My favorite chapter is "How the Nome King Became Angry."

Write each title correctly.

Example: the wizard of oz (movie)

The Wizard of Oz

1. millions of strawberries (poem)
2. outdoor life (magazine)
3. birth of a volcano (article)
4. just a little bit of rain (song)
5. one crazy summer (movie)
6. detroit free press (newspaper)
7. a visit of charity (short story)
8. the oregon trail (book chapter)
9. return of the great brain (book)
10. ten thousand miles (song)
11. painting with oils (article)
12. atlanta constitution (newspaper)
13. national geographic (magazine)
14. a taste of blackberries (book)
15. every time i climb a tree (poem)
16. after the storm (short story)

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Punctuating Dialogue

- ▶ Use quotation marks to set off dialogue from the rest of the sentence.
- ▶ Put punctuation inside the closing quotation marks.
- ▶ Begin the first word of a quotation with a capital letter.
- ▶ Use commas to separate most quotations from the rest of the sentence.

"How I admire Abraham Lincoln!" Kai exclaimed.

Maggie asked, "Why do you admire him?"

"I admire him," Kai stated, "because he was a great leader."

"His speeches were wonderful," Kai said. "He spoke with conviction."

Rewrite each sentence, using correct punctuation and capitalization. The quotations are underlined to help you.

Example: Do you know anything about his early life Maggie asked.

"Do you know anything about his early life?" Maggie asked.

1. Lincoln Kai said was the sixteenth President of the United States.
2. He was a firm believer in democracy Kai told the class.
3. Was he really born in a log cabin in Kentucky Maggie asked.
4. His father Kai continued moved his family to Indiana nine years later.
5. Life in Indiana was much harder Kai said they lived in the wilderness.
6. Maggie stated Lincoln had only one year of formal schooling.
7. Few books were available she commented paper itself was very scarce.
8. Lincoln was truly a self-educated man Maggie exclaimed.