

CAPTIALIZATION AND TITLES

PROPER NOUNS & OTHER THINGS CAPITALIZED

Proper nouns are capitalized.

Proper names of individuals

Proper names of places/locations

Proper names of things/concepts/terms

Days of the week, months, and year

Historical Events, Documents, Periods, Movements, Conflicts (e.g. Wars)

Government Official Titles (e.g. President), Agencies, Offices, or Departments

Names of Organizations, Religions, or Affiliations

Races, Nationalities, and their Languages

Names for Religious Followers

Religious Deities,

Names of Holidays

TITLES

Titles of works (published and unpublished) have a few specific treatments which need to be considered.

CAPITALIZATION

Unless, the following appear at the beginning of the title, capitalize everything except for:

-Prepositions (e.g., of, to, by, for),

-Articles (e.g., a, an, the), and

-Conjunctions (e.g., and, but, or, etc.).

If a Preposition, Article, or Conjunction appears on the front or end of the title, then the word is capitalized.

EX:

The Invincible Iron Man

The War of Roses

Romeo and Juliet

The Aims of Argument

The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

Two and a Half Men

The Bedford Bibliography for Teachers of Writing

By Dawn's Early Light

An Affair to Remember

QUOTATION MARKS ("Title")

Use quotation marks for the following titles/names of works:

Essays
Articles (any length)
Short Stories
Short Poems
Short Songs or Short Musical Compositions
Pages or Individual Documents on a Web Site
Episodes/Segments of Television or Radio Programs
Subdivisions of Books (e.g. Parts/Chapters/Sections)

ITALICIZING (*Title* or *Title*)

Italicize the following titles/names of works:

Books
Plays
Long Poems
Computer Software
Periodicals (e.g., Journals, Magazines, Newspapers, etc. online or printed)
Television and Radio Programs
Websites
Pamphlets
Movies and Film Titles
Works of Visual Art
Long Musical Compositions

Currently, within most source documentation styles, italicizing is the preferred mode of highlighting these sorts of titles.