

Major Vs. Minor Works Chart

The following MLA formatting standards for titles of published works apply *everywhere* in your manuscript.

1. Major works must be marked by italics (or underscoring in handwriting), but never mix the two.
2. Minor works must be marked by quotation marks.

Major Works	Example:	"Minor Works"	Example
book and novel	<i>The Scarlet Letter</i>	short story	"Young Goodman Brown"
Periodicals:		book chapter or essay in a book	"The American Economy before the Civil War"
• newspapers	<i>Los Angeles Times</i>	Newspaper article, opinion, or editorial	"Rise in Aid to Education Is Proposed"
• magazines	<i>People</i>	magazine article	"Sources of Energy in the Next Century"
• academic journals	<i>Shakespeare Quarterly</i>	essay (published)	"The Fiction of Langston Hughes"
• newsletters	<i>Jack London Newsletter</i>		
long poem	<i>The Odyssey</i>	regular poem	"The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock"
television show	<i>Star Trek</i>	TV episode	"The Trouble with Tribbles" (from <i>Star Trek</i>)
music album	<i>Abbey Road</i>	song	"The Long and Winding Road"
play	<i>By the Skin of our Teeth</i>	lecture	"Preparing for a Successful Interview"
film	<i>Star Wars</i>		
opera	<i>Die Fledermaus</i>		
musical	<i>The Flower Drum Song</i>		
ballet	<i>The Nutcracker</i>		
painting	<i>Mona Lisa</i>		
sculpture	<i>The Thinker</i>		
water vessel	<i>HMS Queen Mary</i>		
air vessel	<i>The Hindenburg</i>		
space vessel	<i>USS Enterprise</i>		
reference work	<i>Encyclopedia Britannica</i>		
computer software	<i>Microsoft Word</i>		
website	<i>PeTA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals);</i> www.peta.org		