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Example:

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or if handwritten:

He checked out a book called The Three Musketeers by Alexandre Dumas.

Titles of smaller works are put in quotation marks. These are magazine articles, songs, essays, short stories, book chapter names, short poems, and television episodes.

I read an article in the *Chicago Tribune* titled "The Best Places for Pizza."

Circle the words in the following sentences that should be underlined or placed in italics.

1. The Lion King was a movie and also a play on Broadway.
2. The family watched The Wizard of Oz on television.
3. The Mona Lisa hangs in Paris, France at the Louvre Museum.
4. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's epic poem Evangeline: A Tale of Acadie is divided into two parts of five sections, called cantos.
5. The first chapter of David Copperfield by Charles Dickens is entitled I Am Born.
6. The Washington Post newspaper was founded in 1877.
7. The British ship RMS Titanic sank in August 1912.
8. I think Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone was better than Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix.
9. People magazine has an annual list called The 25 Most Intriguing People of the Year.
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