Grammar Quick Tip: Quotation Marks or Italics for Titles

Generally, quotation marks are used for titles that represent only a portion of a complete published work or for titles of unpublished works. Italics are generally used for titles of complete published works (underline may also be used).

Generally use quotations marks for titles of:
- newspaper and magazine articles
- lessons
- parts within a book
- essays
- lectures
- sermons
- conference themes
- manuscripts
- dissertations
- reports

Generally use italics for titles of:
- books
- pamphlets
- magazines
- newspapers
- movies
- plays
- musicals
- operas
- television and radio series
- paintings
- works of sculpture
- long musical pieces