

# Read and Analyze

Titles

8<sup>th</sup> gr.  
Lang. Arts

Unit 7: Lesson 74

Lesson 2 Day 2

"The Sinking of the Reuben James" is a song by Woody Guthrie. I saw a documentary film about Guthrie called American Masters: Woody Guthrie.

Circle the film title. Draw a box around the title of the song. How are they written differently? \_\_\_\_\_

Underline the **titles** of **books, magazines, newspapers, movies, CDs, and DVDs**. These are written in italics in printed text. Use quotation marks around the titles of **songs, stories, and poems**. **Capitalize** the first word and the last word in titles. Capitalize all other words except articles, short prepositions, and coordinating conjunctions. Remember to capitalize short verbs, such as *is* and *are*.

See Handbook Section 3

## Practice

Draw three lines (≡) under each lowercase letter that should be an uppercase letter. Underline or add quotation marks to titles.

1. I'm writing an essay called voices for social repairs, which focuses on writers and musicians who have used their compositions to highlight social injustice.
2. For example, Upton Sinclair's book the jungle exposed sanitation problems in the American meatpacking industry.
3. Woody Guthrie's song this land is your land was a reminder that America's wonders belong to all its people.
4. I read a biography about him called This land was made for you and me.
5. There is also a CD called bound for glory: songs and stories of woody guthrie.
6. Have you seen the movie the grapes of wrath? It was based on John Steinbeck's novel about refugees who came west from Oklahoma during the Great Depression.
7. to kill a mockingbird is a book that tells about injustice toward African Americans in the South during the 1930s.
8. Langston Hughes's poem mother to son encourages readers not to let life's burdens wear them down.
9. Many songs written in the 1960s protested the poor treatment of individuals and groups. A time magazine article from 1963 describes this phenomenon.
10. A TV show called bob dylan: live in newport 1963–1965 highlights several of his protest songs, which call for an end to prejudice, injustice, and aggression.
11. In 1972, Helen Reddy's song i am woman became an anthem of the women's movement to achieve equality.

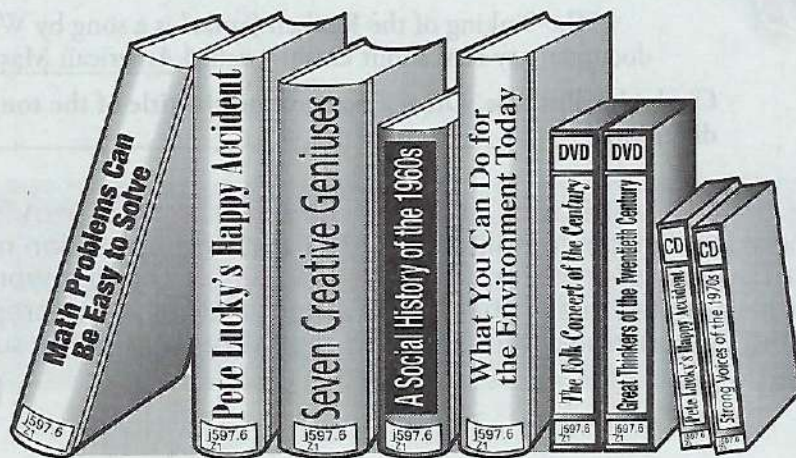


Woody Guthrie wrote and sang songs that covered political topics and traditional themes.



**Apply**

Read the titles of the works on the library shelf. Look back at the titles of works mentioned in the Practice section. Then answer each question. Use correct capitalization and punctuation in each title.



12. Which book is probably a fiction book? \_\_\_\_\_
13. Which DVD probably shows live music performances? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Which DVD might contain information about Albert Einstein? \_\_\_\_\_
15. Which book might you use to research a report on creative people? \_\_\_\_\_
16. Write the title of one song you might hear on *Strong Voices of the 1970s*. \_\_\_\_\_
17. Which CD presents a recorded version of a book? \_\_\_\_\_
18. Which book might outline sources of air pollution? \_\_\_\_\_
19. Which book would likely be a good source for help with algebra problems? \_\_\_\_\_
20. Which book might have information about the American civil rights movement? \_\_\_\_\_

**Reinforce**

A Hollywood film studio is interested in turning your book about a famous artist, musician, dancer, or athlete into a major motion picture. On another sheet of paper, write a paragraph to convince the company to do so. Include the title of the book, and create an exciting movie title. Use correct capitalization and punctuation.