

Italics

Both italics and underlining can be used to perform the same thing.

General

Italicize the following:

- To identify titles of long works - *Little Women*
- To identify foreign words and phrases - *Amore!*
- To identify the names of legal cases - *Roe v. Wade*
- To identify the names of specific ships, satellites, and spacecraft - U.S.S. *Intrepid* (U.S.S. is not italicized)
- To identify words, letters, or numbers used as illustrations or math symbols - *x+y*

Titles of publications

Italicize the following:

- Newspapers – *The La Crosse Tribune*
- Books – *Great Expectations*
- Magazines - *People*
- Pamphlets – *How to Create a Faux Finish*
- Plays / Films – *Cats/The Sixth Sense*
- Television and radio programs – *Friends, Dr. Joy Brown*
- Entire recordings – *The Best of Elton John* (not one song)
- Works of art – *Mona Lisa*
- Long poems – *Paradise Lost*
- Comic strips – *Family Circus*
- Species – *Homosapiens*
- Software programs – *Microsoft Word*

For major historical documents or religious books, neither italics nor quotation marks are used. These are only capitalized – Declaration of Independence, the Renaissance, the Bible

Links to Additional Information

- "[Using Italics and Underlining](#)" from Capital Community College