Italics

Use italics or underscoring to set off titles of books, movies, magazines, newspapers, TV series, plays, works of art, epic (long) poems, and long musical compositions.

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Titles to Italicize	
Books	The Old Man and the Sea
Movies	Mr. Roberts
Magazines	People, Time
Newspapers	The New York Times
TV series	Masterpiece Theater
Plays	A Raisin in the Sun
Works of art	Rodin's <i>The Thinker</i>
Epic poems	Aeneid
Long musical compositions	The Magic Flute

Use italics to indicate a word referred to as a word and to set off foreign words or phrases that are not common in English.

Does anybody know what the word abyss means?

A word processing program allows you to italicize words by selecting the italic form of a font. When writing by hand or using a typewriter, underline words that should be italicized.