The Mechanics of Titles

Sometimes, more than one title needs to be punctuated in the sentence. Not every title needs punctuation.

1. The book Rising Sun, according to many Americans, represents a discriminatory view of Japanese culture. To understand Chinese culture, one might read a collection called The Analects, by Confucius. The Analects is a long compilation of short sayings and proverbs attributed to the great philosopher of China.

2. The first chapter in Baca's biography is appropriately entitled Life Behind Bars.

3. I like Sarah McLaughlin's song Building a Mystery for its religious imagery. Many of the images in it come from the Bible and the Koran. The song itself can be found on the album or CD called Fumbling Toward Ecstasy.

4. Hemingway wrote a short story called The Short Happy Life of Francis Macomber. He also wrote a book called The Old Man and the Sea.

5. The New York Times is an important newspaper. I recommend reading the column called My Thoughts on Life within the New York Times whenever possible.


7. An article called The Image and Human Form appeared in the scholarly journal called Text and Image.

8. The television series Buffy the Vampire Slayer ended last summer with an episode called Graduation Day.

9. The movie Dracula is another example of the vampire myth in modern culture.


11. The bloodiest play Shakespeare wrote was called Titus Andronicus, in which sixty-two gruesome deaths take place. A close runner up is the play Macbeth. The most depressing modern play is probably The Iceman Cometh, a dramatic work by Eugene O'Neill.

12. Aristotle wrote an important book called The Poetics. The last chapter is called Schemes and Tropes.