

# The Mechanics of Writing Titles

## The Black Stallion

Grammar: Writing Titles

A **title** is the name given to a creative work. Writers follow special rules for capitalizing letters at the beginning of words in titles. The first and last words of a title always begin with a capital letter. Most other words begin with capital letters, too. However, articles, coordinating conjunctions, and short prepositions never begin with capital letters unless they are the first or last word of the title.

*The Boy Who Ran for Gold and Glory*

### Thinking Question

*How would you use capital letters in the title, the boy who ran for gold and glory?*

### 1–5. Write the following titles using the proper capitalization.

1. living on a desert island
2. the girl who loved to ride in the hills
3. racing against the wind and rain
4. in the land of the tallest trees
5. raising champion horses

### 6–8. Identify the titles in the sentences below, and write them using the proper capitalization and punctuation.

6. After I read the book partners in adventure, I wanted to get a horse.
7. The poem when the thunder cracks gave me the chills.
8. I read a short story about horses in the book tales of the wild west.