

**Pop Quiz / English 8-12**

**Put the following items into the proper categories below:** short story, poem, train, ship, works of art, song, novel, chapter in a book, newspaper, newspaper article, airplane, magazine, magazine article  
(Write neatly and spell properly or you will miss it regardless of whether or not it is in the correct box!)

You should always underline or italicize these

You should always put quotation marks around these

**Use complete sentences to answer the following.**

1. What is the primary purpose for using dashes within a sentence?
2. Why is the following sentence showing an incorrect use of a semicolon? *John forgot to pick up his dry-cleaned shirts; and then forgot to pick up his daughter at practice!*
3. What is a very common error in the use of the colon and why is it improper?
4. Explain the differences in the following word groups  
--you're and your  
  
--it's and its  
  
--boy's and boys'
5. Write the following sentences below with proper punctuation:  
the boys found a baby skunk in their grandpas woodpile and Joe screamed oh cool lets take it home to my baby sister I think not stated Jim fiercely.