

Using End Quotation Marks

American English Conventions



Commas, Periods, Colons, and Semicolons

- 1. Commas and periods go INSIDE the end quotation marks.
 - >> Every time I think of that raven's "Nevermore," I can't sleep.
 - All of us have read "The Raven."
- 2. Colons and semicolons go OUTSIDE the end quotation marks.
 - >> I learned this from Thoreau's essay titled "Walking": how to enjoy a ramble through the woods or fields in any season.
 - At times like this, he likes to quote from "Jabberwocky"; then I know he is teasing me.



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