

GRAMMAR EXPECTATIONS

Sports Lit – Spring 2008

1. Use complete sentences.
 - be sure each sentence has a subject & a predicate
 - avoid run-ons and fragments
 - avoid comma splices
2. Vary your sentence structure.
3. Use paragraphs to separate topics as needed.
4. Use capital letters correctly for:
 - the beginning of a sentence
 - proper nouns
 - titles
5. Use basic punctuation correctly:
 - end sentences with appropriate punctuation, usually a period
 - use quotation marks around direct quotes from a speaker or a text
6. Use commas properly in dates, place names, and series
7. Use correct spelling in final drafts, using computer spell-check & dictionary as needed
8. Use the following homonyms correctly:
 - its—it's
 - there—they're—their
 - to—too—two
 - your—you're
 - then—than
9. Use plural and possessive correctly:
 - form plurals with s (sometimes es)
 - show possession with an apostrophe (')
10. Be sure that your subjects agree with your verbs and that your pronouns agree with their antecedents.