

## **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.