

Grade Seven Writing Standards

CAPITALIZATION

- Beginning of a sentence
- The word "I"
- Proper nouns and adjectives
- Titles in papers, books, magazines, etc.
- First word in a quotation
- Languages, races, nationalities, religions

PUNCTUATION

- End of every sentence
- Commas in a series
- Commas in day, month, year within a sentence
- Comma in a compound sentence with a FANBOYS
- Comma between two adjectives before a noun
- Comma in direct address, with interrupters, transitions
- Comma after introductory words
- Ellipses
- Semicolon in a compound sentence
- Titles in papers, books, magazines, etc.

SPELLING

- Common contractions that replace *not* Were, where
- Plural nouns vs. possessives Loose, lose
- Common homophones: A lot, allot
- to, two, too Could/would have (not of)
- there, their, they're Past tense of regular verbs
- you're, your Plurals: drop "y" add "ies"
- its, it's
- Words that have been studied

GRAMMAR

- Subject/verb agreement
- Consistent verb tense
- Pronoun agreement

Grading Guidelines

	Assignments	Tests & Quizzes
For Language Arts Classes	-2 for each error up to 8 points	-1 per error up to 6 points
For All Other Classes	-1 for each error up to 5 points	-1 per error up to 4 points