

# **SPORTS FILM COMPARISON**

Anthropology 390-080

Spring 2008

**DUE: Wednesday, May 21, 2008**

The purpose of this assignment is to have students think and write about what sports films reveal about the relationship between sports and culture.

To complete this assignment, student must watch three sports films, at least one of which must be a sports documentary (see attached list). Students can choose whatever combination of films strikes their interest. As they watch their chosen films, students should look for similarities and differences, especially as they relate to the role of sports in culture.

Students will then write a paper that discusses the results of their comparisons and the insights that they have gained about the relationship between sports (either a particular sport or sports in general, depending on the film selection) and culture.

This assignment is worth 100 pts. The completed paper should be approximately 7-10 pages long, typed, double-spaced with normal margins and font, and stapled in the top left corner. Do not add a plastic or cardboard cover. Three points will be deducted from papers that are not stapled.

Papers will be graded on content and writing style. The paper should begin with a clearly stated thesis; the discussion should be well organized; key points should be supported by relevant examples drawn from the films; and the writing should be polished. One-half grade notch will be deducted for poor writing. Students should use at least one of their two required visits to their writing fellow for assistance with this paper. Further assistance can be obtained from the university's writing center.

Penalty points will be deducted for late papers. The penalty clock will start at the beginning of class on the due date. The penalty will be 3 pts for after class on the due date and 5 pts for each additional day, including the day when the late paper is turned in. Exceptions will be made only if the student has a written excuse from a physician or the health center or has made prior arrangements with the instructor.

## Sports Movies

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Fiction</b>	<b>Documentary</b>
baseball	61* Bad News Bears Bull Durham Cobb Eight Men Out Field of Dreams A League of Their Own The Natural The Rookie	Baseball (Ken Burns, 23hrs!) The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg Still We Believe Viva baseball
basketball	Finding Forrester Hoop Dreams Hoosiers White Men Can't Jump	Chiefs The Heart of the Game Something to Cheer About Telfair's Defining Year Through the Fire The Year of Yao
biking	Breaking Away	
bowling		A League of Ordinary Gentlemen
boxing	Ali The Hurricane Raging Bull Rocky	Muhammed Ali Ring of Fire Unforgivable Blackness When We Were Kings
car racing		Dust to Glory
chess	Searching for Bobby Fischer	
football	Bang the Drum Slowly Brian's Song Dallas North Forty Jerry McGuire The Longest Yard Remember the Titans Rudy	
golf	Caddy Shack Tin Cup	
hockey	Slapshot	
horse racing	Seabiscuit	
mountain climbing		Touching the Void
Olympics		Olympia
para-olympics		Murderball
pool	Color of Money The Hustler	
skateboarding		Dogtown and Z-boys Stoked
skiing		Steep

snowboarding		First Descent
soccer	Bend It Like Beckham	Once in a Lifetime Dare to dream
surfing		The Endless Summer Riding Giants Step into Liquid
track	Chariots of Fire	
weightlifting		Pumping Iron
wrestling		The Backyard Lipstick and Dynamite