

Tell Me More *Reporting*

Reporting = to give an account of something that happened.

- Start with a strong topic sentence and stick to the facts.
- Tells *who, what, where, when, why, and how*.
- Use your senses to observe (sound, sight, taste, smell, touch).

Every spring across America **wildland firefighters** train and prepare for the upcoming fire season. Fire crews consist of 18-20 men and women whose main responsibility is to dig fire lines, preventing the spread of fire. They also start controlled fires, robbing the main blaze of required fuel, as well as clean up smoldering areas once a fire is extinguished. Their typical work day on a wildfire may include waking up at sunrise, preparing a 25-pound backpack and tools, hiking several miles into the fire zone, and digging fire line for 12 hours or more.



Essay #1 Describe the scene at the camp after crews just worked 14 hours digging fire lines.

(16-20 sentences)



The **Tour of California** is a 700-mile bike race held across California in late spring. Professional riding teams and their support staff traverse valleys, foothills, mountains, and coastlines for eight days.

Essay #2 As a cycling reporter for *Bike World*, describe your experience riding in the pack as it starts the 15-mile climb up Stetson Hill.

(16-20 sentences)

Every March American cliff **swallows** return to California's Mission San Juan Capistrano to nest for the season. Traditionally, they arrive March 19 from their winter home 6,000 miles away in Argentina.

Essay #3 Report the scene as tourists arrive to watch their return.
(18-24 sentences)



Essay #4 State the events that occurred this afternoon in Mountrail County, ND using these key words.

(16-20 sentences)

4:30 • windy • energy • loud • seeking shelter