

Ms. Bachelor_EXAMPLE

RESEARCH QUESTIONS (W 8.7-8)

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As you conduct your research on your particular event, focus on and answer these research questions.

Complete the other side of this page 1st, then take that information and answer these questions fully.

Be specific with your answers. Write in complete sentences. (30 pts)

1. What was the main, immediate cause of your event?

The event -- or events -- are the Repack races in Marin county in 1976. They helped to break mountain biking out of a few small groups of people and into the rest of the country and the world.

2. What other circumstances shaped your event? (What other things were happening in the world, country, area that influenced the event?)

People had been riding bikes off road for a hundred years...roads have not always been paved. There was the 25th Infantry Bicycle Corps whose mission it was to see if bicycles could be a good alternative to horses in the military. There had been cyclo-cross happening in Europe for years -- the Parisian Velo Cross Club for example. There were a group of riders in Cupertino, California who were modifying their bikes with parts from moto-cross.

The difference between what was happening before and around the time of the Repack races is that the group who started the Repack races grew and grew in numbers, and continued modifying the bikes.

3. Who suffered because of your event? (and in what ways?)

4. Who benefited from your event? (and in what ways?)

5. List at least 5 "moments" in your event that your poem could focus on?

August 1896 25th Infantry Bicycle Corps ride.

The first Repack race.

The third Repack race that drew people from other areas -- not just the Marin county riders.

The 1974 West Coast Cyclocross Championships -- where the Marin county gang saw a change in technology on bikes.

6. List at least 3 real people whose stories you can use as source material?

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7. Connect your event to the present day (by cause-and-effect or by analogy)

Research Topic:

As you research your topic, fill out the following chart with notes that answer your research questions. Put the notes in your OWN words unless you are quoting a particular person who was directly affected by the event. (30 pts)

Source	Notes	Question # notes answer
<p>Marin Museum of Bicycling http://mmbhof.org/mtn-bike-hall-of-fame/history/</p> <p>Collectors Weekly http://www.collectorsweekly.com/articles/the-hippie-daredevils-who-were-just-crazy-enough-to-invent-mountain-biking/</p>	<p>One is the 25th Infantry Bicycle Corps, a regiment of riders who customized bicycles to carry gear over rough terrain. In August 1896, the riders, black enlisted men and a white lieutenant, rode from Missoula, Montana, to Yellowstone National Park and back—an arduous trip to be sure! Their mission: to test the bicycle for military use in mountainous terrain.</p>	2
	<p>the Velo Cross Club Parisien (VCCP), comprised of about 20 young bicyclists from the outskirts of Paris. Their riding between 1951 and 1956 was remarkably akin to present-day mountain biking.</p>	2
	<p>Another example from the early 1970s was a band of cyclists, The Cupertino Riders, aka the Morrow Dirt Club, from 75 miles south of Marin, who were modifying their bikes. They were grafting thumbshift-operated derailleurs and motorcycle-lever-operated drum brakes onto their klunkers to help them get up and down the south bay hills.</p>	2
	<p>In the late 1960s and early 1970s, a group of Marin teenagers known as The Larkspur Canyon Gang rode 1930s-40s vintage single-speed balloon tire bikes on Mt. Tamalpais and through Baltimore Canyon in Larkspur, CA. Their exploits and attitudes earned them status as local legends and spawned the birth of mountain biking as it grew beyond their circle of friends.</p>	1
	<p>In Marin County, the off-road riders not only kept on riding, they started the first organized downhill race series. They called it Repack, because they had to “repack” their coaster brakes with fresh grease after each race. The grease would vaporize in the excessive heat generated from extreme braking during the super-steep descent.</p>	1

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Buffalo Soldiers ride; Parisian Velo Cross Club;
Repack Races; Cupertino Riders;

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