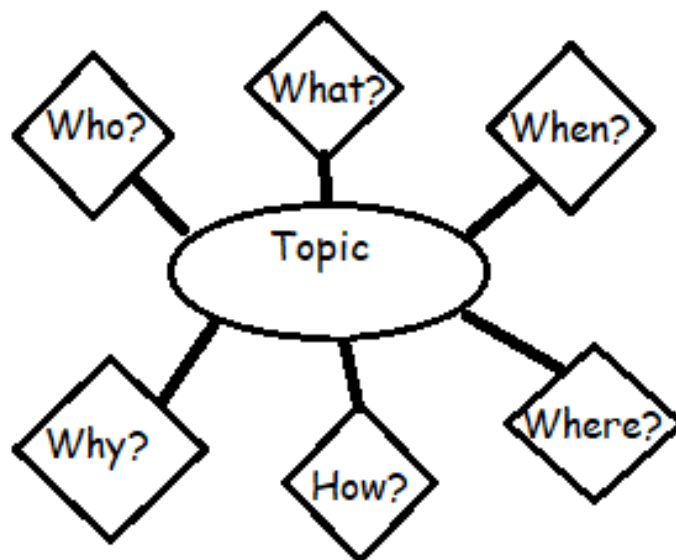


Writing a News Report from a Snapshot



A man walks through wreckage in Lahaina, Hawaii, after wildfires devastated the town on the island of Maui, prompting thousands to flee their homes. (Image credit: Rick Bowmer/The Associated Press)



Questions to ask yourself

What exactly is happening in the snapshot?

A man is standing in the middle of the street surrounded by burnt cars and buildings.

Why is this happening?

A wildfire burned for several days on the Hawaiian island of Maui

Who is in the scene? What are their positions or titles? What did they say? (quotations)

An island resident *John Clarke* - " This is the worst disaster I have ever seen. My entire neighbourhood has been destroyed"

Other important details: There were 15 casualties- including one child. The fire burned for 13 days and required teams from other islands to help put out the blaze.

Who else may comment on this story?

Government officials, health officials, other residents

Is this a local, national or international story?

International/ U.S

What sort of follow-up news will there be?

Reports on the clean-up efforts and the status of survivors

What background information does the reader need to know?

There have been an increasing number of wildfires in the region in the past 5 years. Some believe this is the result of global warming

Are there any consequences to the actions in the article?

A GoFundMe has been set up to provide financial support to victims of the fire, including those who have lost loved ones and those who have lost their homes.