

My Life : The Virus of 2020

We are entering an experience that is new for everyone. You will be taking on the role of a historian during this unique time in our history. Starting on Monday, March 23rd, you will be keeping a record of your experiences. You will document in detail what you see in the news, how the world, our country, our province, our city, your community, your friends, your neighbors and your family respond to this pandemic.

When we return to school you will be required to hand in your journal to your teacher. Each day, from Sunday to Saturday, must be documented as a journal entry. Each entry must be at least one paragraph long, but you can do more if you have more to say.

The style of your entry can be varied. You can write in the style of:

- A journalist (report on the facts of the day)
- A personal narrative (what do you notice? Observe? Experience?)
- Poetry (what are you feeling?)
- Photograph or art with an explanation (show your feelings or experiences)
- An opinion piece (what do you think or feel about what's happening?)

You are creating a primary source document from your unique perspective. Be authentic. Be honest. Be reflective.

This is something that we can adapt to publish for a larger audience in the future.

Guiding Questions

You can write what you want about your experience, but here is a list of topics you can explore if needed:

- What did the government announce/declare/implement today?
 - Do you think it makes sense?
 - How does it impact your life?
 - How did your family respond?

- What is open in your neighborhood? What is closed?
 - How does this impact your life? Your family's life?
 - Are you in agreement with these choices?
 - How do you see this helping or hurting the situation?
- What does your neighborhood look like today?
- How is today different from yesterday for you, your family, your neighborhood, your city, your province, your country, the world?
- Did you observe any examples of racism, privilege or income inequality in any of the events that happened today?
- Did you see anything today that gave you hope? Anxiety? Fear?
 - In person? On the news? On social media?

Format

This assignment can be done on paper or digitally.

Every date must be clearly indicated at the beginning of the entry.

Separate your entries each day with a space, a line, a new page or in another obvious way.

Every entry must be a minimum of one paragraph long, but feel free to do more.

If you do a piece of art or take a photo the accompanying explanation must be one paragraph long.

We consider a paragraph to be at least five good sentences.

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