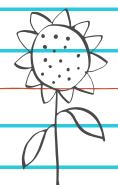


High School

Creative and reflective work by 9th grade students about life during a pandemic



Class of 2024

The Quarantine Diaries of Glencliff High School:

Creative and reflective work by 9th grade students about life during a pandemic

by future graduates of Class of 2024

Cover artwork concept inspired by a submission from Esthefanny Lainez





Hi, readers!

The 2020-2021 school year looked different for students all over the world during the shared experience of the COVID-19 pandemic. We wanted to honor our students' pandemic experiences in a way that both helped them process their emotions and allowed them to record their own story through therapeutic journaling/artistic expression—thus our Quarantine Diaries of GHS project.

The Quarantine Diaries of GHS is a collection of writings, drawings, photos, (and even some videos!) – all submitted by 9th grade students at Glencliff High School in Nashville, Tennessee. These are the honest, diverse, unedited experiences and feelings of our students. The stories were curated with care by the leadership of our student Editorial Board (learn about them in our next few pages!) whose voices made this project possible.

We have collectively been through a lot in 2020-2021 with the coronavirus, and we each have our own experience of it. The individual experiences of our students are important on a personal level, and important for us collectively to record and learn from. We know this event will be a moment studied in history, and how we come out of it will depend on our ability to process and reflect on the experience.

The pandemic taught our Quarantine Diaries team about the importance of connection, and the creative methods we can use to reach one another. We hope these pages and stories connect with you.

In gratitude and hope,

Quarantine Diaries of GHS Facilitators

Hannah Baker, School Counselor Harold Burdette, GEAR UP Nashville Shemika Bailey, GEAR UP Nashville



A Message from the Editorial Board students -

Lots of things are going on in the world, but the biggest thing is COVID-19. COVID-19 is a respiratory disease caused by one of the seven coronaviruses to infect humans. It was first founded in China in December 2019. This virus led us to quarantine, which is a good amount of time where we have to stay isolated from everyone and everybody. This happens when we are exposed to infectious or contagious disease.

We created this book to show how a lot of people dealt with quarantine and how they were affected. It was a way to voice how we experienced quarantine. It was important to get the students' voice recorded to show how not everyone is alone in this pandemic and that all of us have at least gone through similar trials. We wanted to show how each of us dealt with everything and how we have also grown as people.

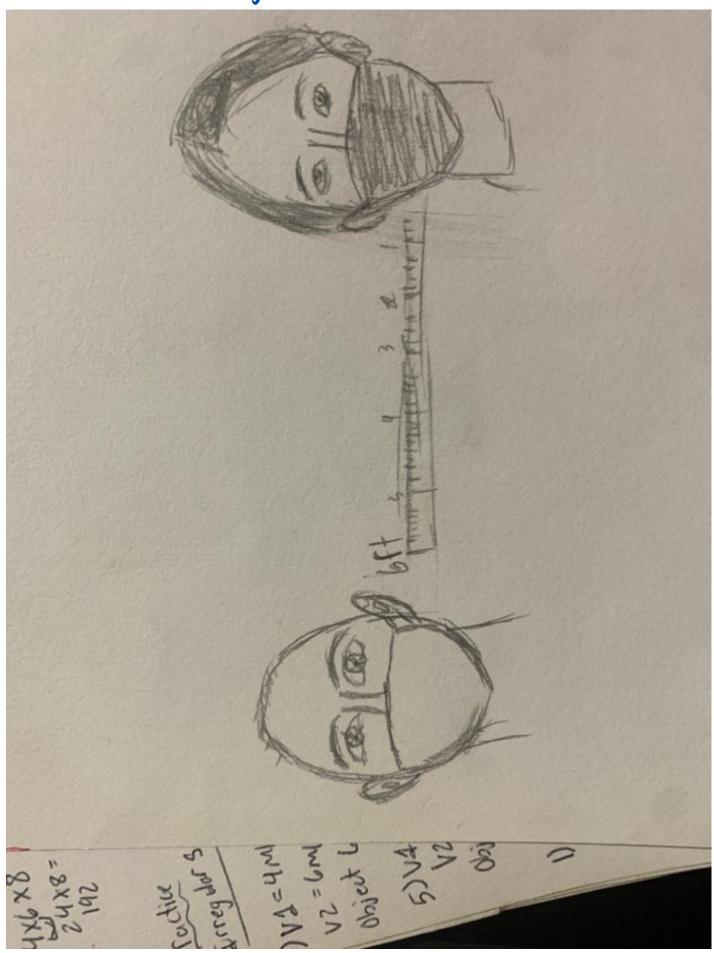
The message we are trying to give out is, "You are not alone." These are hard times for everyone. We've all been forced to change and distance ourselves from each other. This book is just to reach out to anyone who feels they are alone. This is a great book to have if you feel like you are the only one going through this big global change. Our message is you aren't alone and use this book to use to connect with each other.

We, the authors and Editorial Board leaders, are 9th grade students at Glencliff High School, who have lived during the pandemic and want to tell the world about our experiences, voices, and creative work through this Quarantine Diaries project. We wrote stories about ourselves, society, and what's happening around the world. We share the message of how our life has been changed or affected by COVID-19.

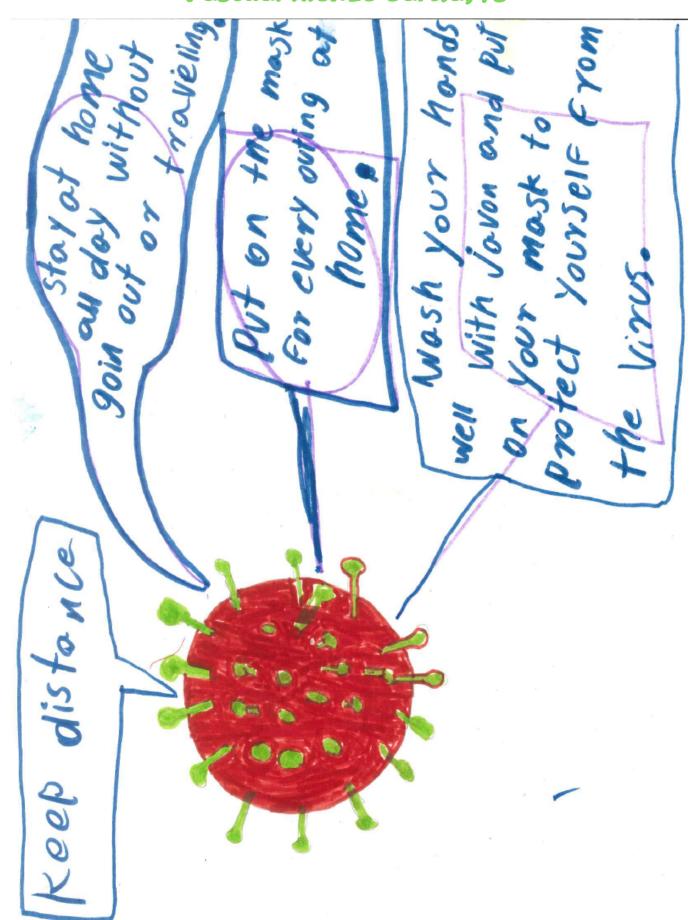
Thank you for joining us in our stories and we hope to connect with you through these pages.

The GHS Editorial Board Yasmin Castillo, Karen Lopez Hernandez, Yen Ly & Hector Villalta

Layla Al-Sahaf, 15



Pascual Alonzo Garcia, 18



Trapped in Quarantine

The beautiful goldfish, stressed, angered "what is life outside like again?"

Being trapped in a small tank for so long
It's exhausting
How many months,days,hours or seconds has it been?
The little goldfish can't remember
Can it because of its terrible memory
Or its tiredness of being trapped?
Whatever it is, can you tell how much it misses life outside?

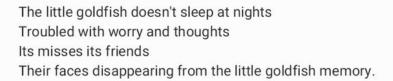
The little room is now too familiar.

The same four walls surrounding it

The many times it has see them, it recognize every

Little detail from where it starts to where it ends

How it wishes it can leave
The colorful gavel that sits at the bottom
They've been counted more than thrice but the little
goldfish
Can you tell it's sick and tired of being the the same place
for long?



Will the beautiful little goldfish be able to escape Its little bowl and explore life outside of it?

Marjorie Y. Alvarado, 15

What can you tell us about your writing you submitted?

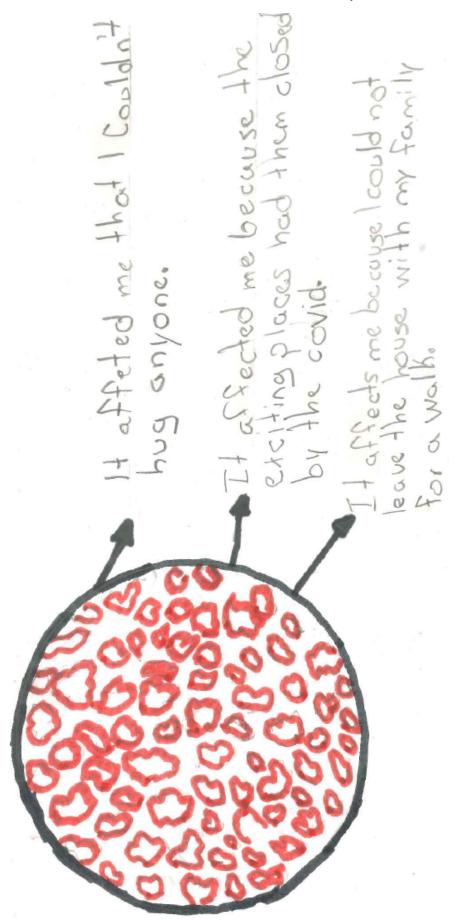
The poem I wrote is about myself, I compared myself with a goldfish and its fish bowl. The reason I chose a goldfish was since I feel that I find myself most similar to a goldfish in many ways. The little goldfish trapped in its fishbowl by itself is like myself trapped at home during quarantine with no place to go.

What is the most important thing you want future generations to remember about what it was like to be a 9th grade student during a pandemic?

It was such a difficult time for myself dealing with school and all its problems with learning, but it was also a time where I saw myself in different ways and figured out ways to want to become a better person.

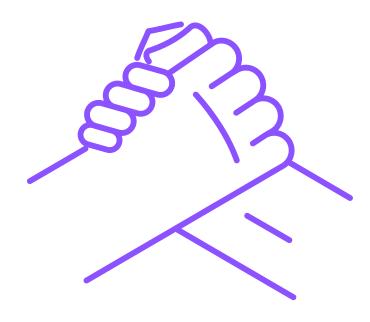


ELMER BARRERA PAZ, 16



Quarantine poem
my friend asked how I'm doing today
if I'm being honest I did my hair
almost four times and just 24 hours
just dusted and blow dried my thoughts
I've even became a new person
learned learn and kept learning
I'm stuck holding stars on my back
they're too heavy they're My dreams they're an impact
so how am I doing I'm doing what I must do taking everything day by day
dream by dream
for u and me
-luci

Janet Boone, 15



"2020"

We all expected that 2020 was going to be a good.

We all thought that 2020 was going to be the best year.

We were setting goals for the new year 2020 saying:

This is the year to think about goals and dreams,

We are going to exercise,

This was going to be our year,

We were going to change for the better,

Have good grades, make new friends and go out and enjoy the day,

Having fun and go out, get out of our shells,

And this is going to be the year that everything was going to be perfect.

Little did we know 2020 wasn't our year!

It was the year of disappointments.

It was the year to be scared and wonder if everything was going to be ok.

It was the year to stay inside and go nowhere without having to fear that you are going to get sick.

It was the year to cancel all your plans and your goals and dreams.

It was the year to accept failure and being ready that things weren't going to be your way.

It was the year to wonder if things were evergoing to be the same.

It was the year to miss almost half a school year and seeing seniors not having a graduation.

Yasmin Castillo, 15

Why did I choose to participate in the quarantine diaries project?

I choose this because I wanted to share my experience with people and let them know that they are not alone in this hard time. I also felt that the Editorial Board was going to make me not feel alone in these hard times. I wanted to improve my leadership skills and I was able to do so by becoming one of the leaders in this project.

What did I lose during spending so much time at the house?

The hardest part was not being able to see my family/ friends during all of this. Not being able to enjoy the nice weather since everything was getting shut down.





Jermick in Quarantine



Ever since the Covid 19 virus became a thing the whole world has changed. It has changed many lives, and I'm going to tell you some ways how it changed mine. Here we go. First big change is I can't go to as much places. Pre-Covid 19 My friends and I always use to play basketball. Every Saturday and sometimes Sunday. It was super fun, we played pickup games sometimes we played King of The Court. Now when we go the rims are took down or they just take down two, there's usually 4 rims. There're not that much people when we go now so there's fewer pickup games.

Another change is these masks. I know there are for our safety, but they are very annoying. You always must have them on, every single second of the day. Most stores won't allow you in if you don't have them on. So, you can't forget it at home or lose it because you'll have to buy more. Like one time I was walking to the gas station to buy some snacks its like a 5 min walk away from my house. Then when I was 20 seconds away from the store I noticed I didn't

have a mask on. So, I had to walk all the way back just to put on a mask.

But there are some good things about the virus. Like Virtual School. Most people don't like it, but I love it. I get to go to sleep later and have more time to sleep than if I had In-Person. I feel like I learn better in virtual school because I can work at my own pace and I can eat lunch anytime, I love food! I can use the bathroom anytime and help my mom more.

Somethings that have kept me relaxed during the virus is my Xbox and anime. I love playing games. I can play all day and night with my friend. I have been playing Rocket League, Cold War, Madden and Fortnite. On weekends My friends and I stay up until like 3am playing games. I love watch anime. Some anime I have watch during the virus is Monster, Fire Force, Erased, and Naruto. So yea this is some things I hate and love during the virus and stuff I have been doing. I hope one day the world will be back to normal.

Jermick Crayner, 16

What can you tell us about the piece you submitted?

It was very fun to make and I'm excited that it's going to be in a book.

What is the most important thing you want future generations to remember about what it was like to be a 9th grade student during a pandemic?

It was very confusing at first, and a lot of this changed, but it taught us a lot of stuff. No matter how hard life gets, never give up.

What is one way quarantining was a positive experience for you?

One way quarantining was a positive experience for me was, I got to spend more time with my family, And we all got to know each other better.

What did you gain by spending so much time at home? What did you lose, or miss the most?

I was able to focus on myself more and become more healthy. I lost time with my friends, and I miss playing basketball with them and being able to go to the movies with my family and friends.





Sumyaree Dotson, 14

in the world.

The poem I have submitted I had really thought about how COVID-19 affected people

When I first came to 9th grade, I was nervous, but I just realized it's like the other grades; I just have to talk to people.

One thing I have learned about myself is that I don't talk to anybody except family.

One way quarantine has been positive for me is by doing things I haven't learned to do, like learning to play "Moonlight Sonata."

"now is the day"

i never dreamed of it

now living in this life

you have to make the most of it

you lose somebody you love

and regret what you say

we all learn how to live through this

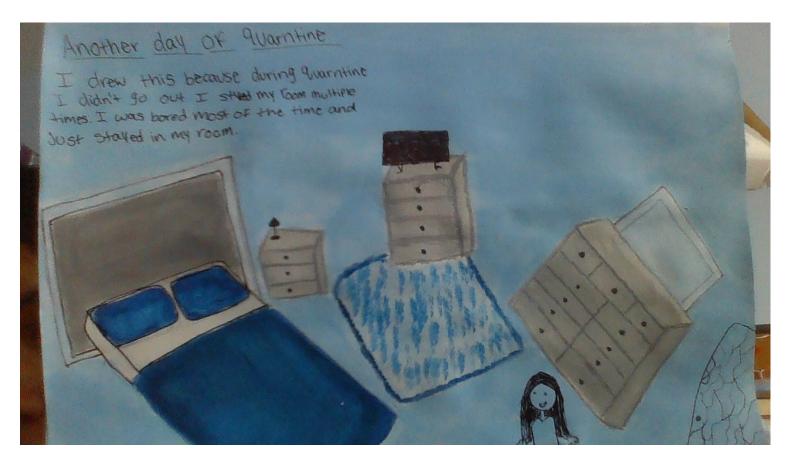
day by day

listening to your conscience
is what you hear
but the media is something
that bugs your ears
God knows what he is doing
pray and live through it
now is the time to love and now hate
anyday you may disintegrate
now is the time to get yourself right
it can be your time in the day or night
its a blessing to see another day
so make the most of it and be thankful
for the day

SARAH GALLEGOS, 15



"Stuck in Four Walls"



Mariela Garcia Santamaria, 14

What can you tell us about the artwork you submitted?

The reason for my artwork is to show how hard it was to be stuck in a room for a long time, not having much to do and doing the same things every day.

What is the most important thing you want future generations to remember about what it was like to be a 9th grade student during a pandemic?

One thing I would like future generations to know is that during this pandemic people have struggled a lot, due to losing jobs, not having food, and lack of motivation in school, or just in general. In school you have teachers that can help you. Don't be afraid to contact one of your teachers if you need help with something.

During quarantine, I experienced both negative and positive things. I enjoyed spending more time with my close family, but also during the pandemic I wasn't able to see all my family or friends. I also was able to do the simple stuff that i enjoyed doing like painting. As hard as it was to stay indoors, you have to always look at things in a positive way, like what can you do to have fun with your family. Maybe a family game or something.

This being my first year of high school wasn't the experience I expected. It was hard at times, but it worked out knowing I had the help from all my teachers. Throughout the school year, my teachers have all been a really big help, but not only them; other staff have also helped me find a way to succeed this school year.

How-to-survive COVID19 SURVIVAL GUIDE:

- How not to be bored in the house:
 - To start off, there are lots of things you could do in the house. For starters get on TikTok, play a game, or you could make something creative.
 - Make something creative: Grab some paper, pencils, paint, crayons, and other creative things you want to use for your imagination (SpongeBob voice). Start drawing something you want, or for a certain someone. If you can't draw you can look up "How to draw for beginners" on YouTube, or just use the first thing that comes to mind.
 - Watch TikTok: If you don't have TikTok that's probably a reason why you are so bored. Not watching TikTok
 can kind of make your life a little more boring. If you get bored of TikTok, do some of the things you seen off
 TikTok (THAT IS SAFE!!). If that's boring ... I guess I'm out of options for you.
 - Watch Tv
 - Take a walk outside
 - Finish some missing assignments
 As long as you find something to do hopefully you won't be to bored at least.

I know I am!



Instead of being hype all the time you do need to relax sometime.

- Take a nap
- Chill
- Watch YouTube or Netflix



- Just find something to do that's relaxing, so you won't be so tired. If you are tired just go to sleep then.
- Random (lol): If you don't want to do some thing in the house, or relax, clean up something. Clean your room, the kitchen, even the bathroom.
 - Just
 - Find
 - Something
 - To
 - CLEAN!!
 - If none of this was helpful, I recommend you watch YouTube to find something to do. Other than that, I can't
 help you survive COVID19. Unless your staying indoors and staying clean, AT ALL TIMES!

Kaiya Garrison, 14

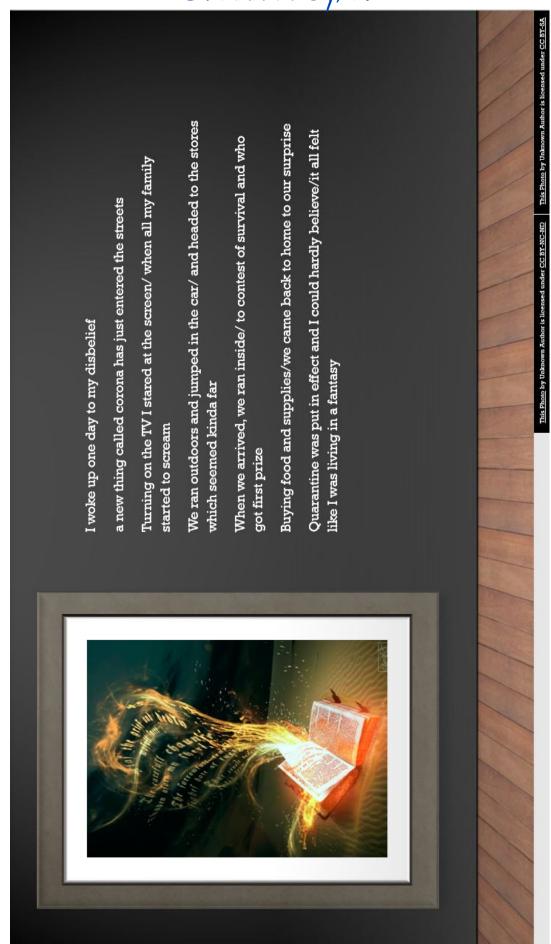
A lot has changed in life since COVID became "a thing". The main thing is not being able to go to an actual classroom to learn and being fully virtual. something that has caused some distress in my life is not being in a classroom. This has been some trouble because it took me a while to find a schedule on my own, so that I'm not getting behind or getting super stressed out with everything. Although it has caused some distress in my life it has also led to some relief because I don't have to be up super early every day. Also if I'm not feeling well one day I wont get behind in school because I can just do it all from my bed. What has surprised me with all of this is me actually finding a schedule and routine that works for me. Sometimes in school I would get stressed because I always felt like there just wasn't enough time in the day to get things done, and I would also get stressed sometimes from having to go from one class straight to the next without any breaks in between. So it is nice to be able to have my own routine and be able to take a break when I need to, which helps me to accomplish more and to actually feel like I'm doing something other than just sitting at a desk all day.

I think COVID has also changed a lot in my personal life outside of school. The few months that we were out of school because of COVID, gave me a lot of time to focus on myself without the distraction and stress of school. Within that time I really learned exactly what I wanted to do in life and who I am as an individual outside of school. Although it has positively affected my life in a way there are also so things that aren't as positive or enjoyable. I am the type of person that hates being in the house all the time. I like to get out and do things even if its as simple as grocery shopping, so with quarantine and it not being very safe to just get out and do things it has been kind of hard for me. It has been stressful and I have gotten very bored at times. It is also not fun to have to wear a mask everywhere you go. You would think it would just become like an automatic thing but i still forget to grad one sometimes!

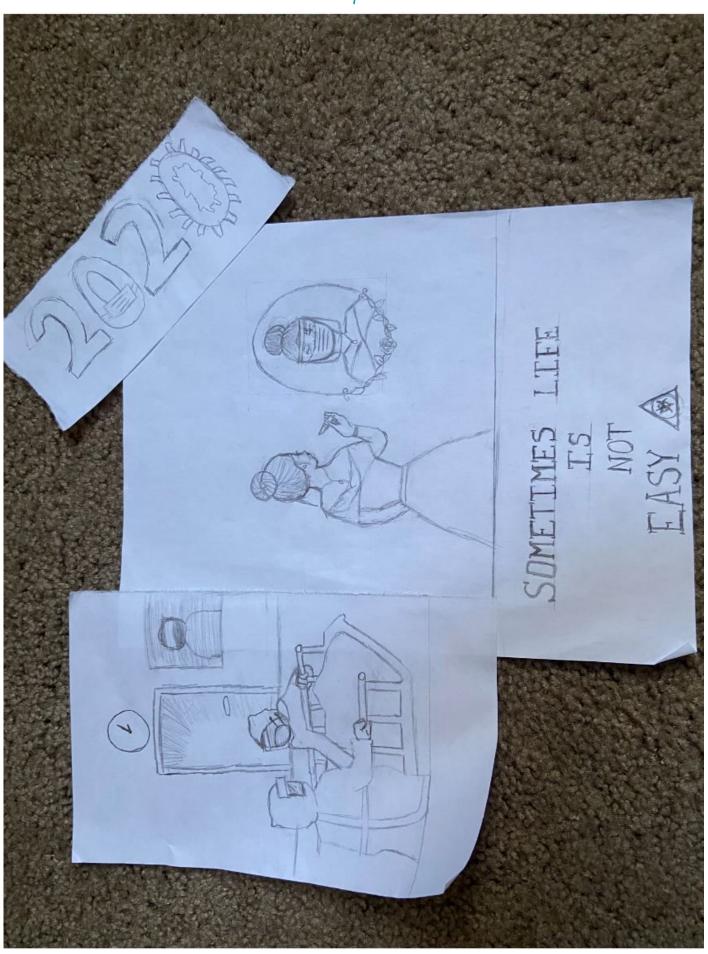


Objgail Hurt, 15

Brianna Key, 14



Esthefanny Lainez, 15



Chasing Summer

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It's so cold here lately

A winter of 14 months

It makes me feel lazy

Sleep all day waiting for summer

Waiting for the day we can play

The day I can say I do worry about decay

And we always warn about the evil that caused

The summer to be on a pause

We warn to build up the wall and ignore

But they do not listen and break it down and not restore

They scream that it is not real

Ignoring the lives, and money lost

Not caring how trivial

Or the damage cost

Forcing us to chase something that feels nearly impossible

They give the evil the power to stay

Which only makes me say

Why do you hold us back?

Keeping the world cold as the sky filled with black

And leave this small group alone

Chasing summer forever together

Shelby Lewis, 15

Growth

Quarantine let me learn more about myself

I was able to finally understand what was good and bad for me

I let go of my negative friends, and any negative energy

But I was also led into a black hole



I missed going outside, hanging out with my friends, having fun

I miss being able to see people in person, being able to go to stores without a mask

I also missed being able to occupy my mind, and not lead myself into a dark hole
I ghosted a lot of my friends, and my anxiety grew big.

Everyday felt the same, wake up, class, homework, stressing, less than 7 hours of sleep

Quarantine had let me be with my thoughts for too long, and I needed to find ways to cope with that

I hated how I relied on others, but there's always room to grow
I finally realized that I can take this time to work on myself
I made new friends online, and I finally made myself a schedule
My anxiety is still a work in progress, but I know I'll overcome it

Karen Lopez Hernandez, 15

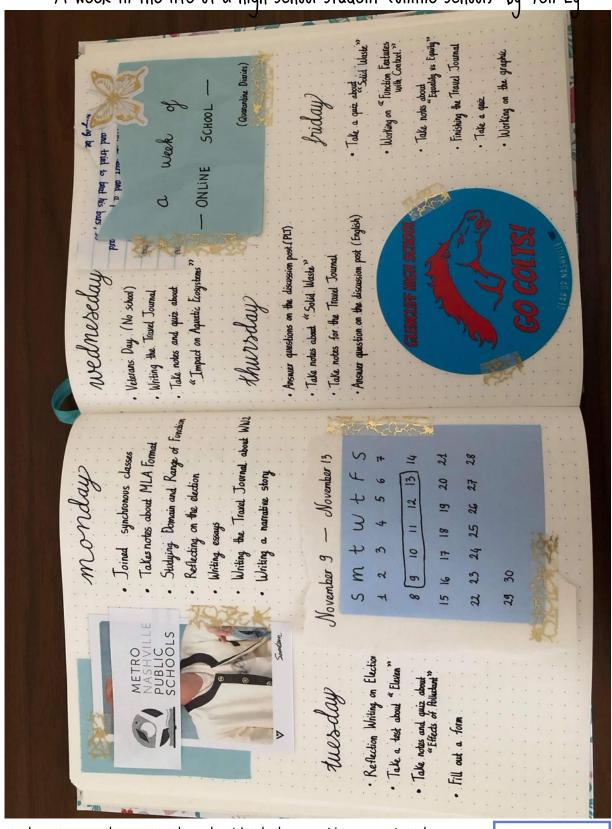
What can you tell us about the writing you submitted?

My writing was to show how quarantine let me learn more about myself and how a lot of good and bad things came from quarantine and Covid personally. The most important thing I want future generations to remember is that it was hard to keep up the motivation for a lot of us, but it was also a time to focus on ourselves mentally and physically.

I have learned that I can be so much more independent and that I don't need to depend on anyone. I also learned how I'm capable of so many things and that communication is super important.

Something I gained by spending so much time at home was being able to take a break from everything and focus on myself. I was able to focus on myself mentally, and it really did help m become a stronger person mentally. I lost a lot of friends though, and I missed opportunities I could've had if the pandemic didn't happen. I also missed hanging out with my friends and family outings.

"A week in the life of a high school student (online school)" by Yen Ly



Use your smart phone to scan the code to the right. Watch the video Yen made about her time spent learning in quarantine!









https://youtu.be/QgLRxG6wgCc

"2020" by Yen Ly

The flow of time Has frozen like the coldness Of spring in 2020 Loneliness, sadness, aloof; Quarantine

I did not realize
I just greeted the new year,
Everything seems so vague
Like a terrible nightmare.
Coronavirus is declared an official pandemic
Has taken the lives of millions of innocent people.
Do not leave the house if it is not needed.
Do not interact with other people.
Public events were canceled.
Masks are required in public places.

The forests were surrounded By burning flames.
The joke about World War 3,
Nobody knows if it is real or fake.
People fighting each other
Just for a roll of toilet paper?
Teacher's efforts try to help their students
Out of the struggle.
The most chaotic election in history,
As everyone expected.

Say the deadly virus stay forever.
Say we can't never hug the person we love again.
Say we only can study through a screen.
Say nature will swallow us.
Say, it doesn't matter.
Say, that would be enough.
Say you'd still want this: us feeling lucky for our existence.



Yen Ly, 15

What can you tell us about your the work you submitted?

I want to tell you about my feelings and thoughts during 2020: that year seems so unrealistic, everything went so quickly, yesterday is 2020 and right now we are already in 2021, all the scared, confused, and unsafe feelings from the pandemic, not knowing what's going to happen to your family and friends. I also want to tell you what it like to be in online school, all the problems and technical issues that every student have been struggling for almost a year through my works.

What is the most important thing you want future generations to remember about what it was like to be a 9th grade student during a pandemic?

The most important thing I want future generations to remember is do not take everything for granted, be thankful for what you have, even just a little thing in your life. Because today is a normal and happy day, but tomorrow you may lose everything, you may not be able to go outside and hang out with friends.

What have you learned about society since March 2020?

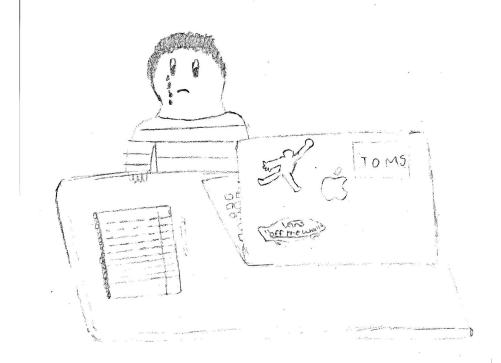
I have learned that society is becoming angrier and more selfish to a lot of people during the pandemic, it's sad and hurt to see things like that is still happening in 2020 and 2021.

What is one way quarantining was a positive experience for you?

The chat-box is one of the most helpful things during virtual learning, because I don't like to talk at loud and in front of people from virtual to in-person. I love how I can still be able to participate in class without actually "talking".

"Submitted at 3 AM"

Me crying at the beginning Brandon N



Brandon Navarro, 14

What can you tell us about your artwork you submitted?

This artwork came to mind while I was making ramen.

What is the most important thing you want future generations to remember about what it was like to be a 9th grade student during a pandemic?

This pandemic made a lot of people bored, which I think caused many people to separate and distance from each other.

What did you gain by spending so much time at home? What did you lose, or miss the most?

During quarantine, I had lost a lot of "friends" and realized that they were just school friends. I had also lost a lot of motivation due to how much work I was receiving.

"Days Repeating Endlessly"





Om H. Pai, 15

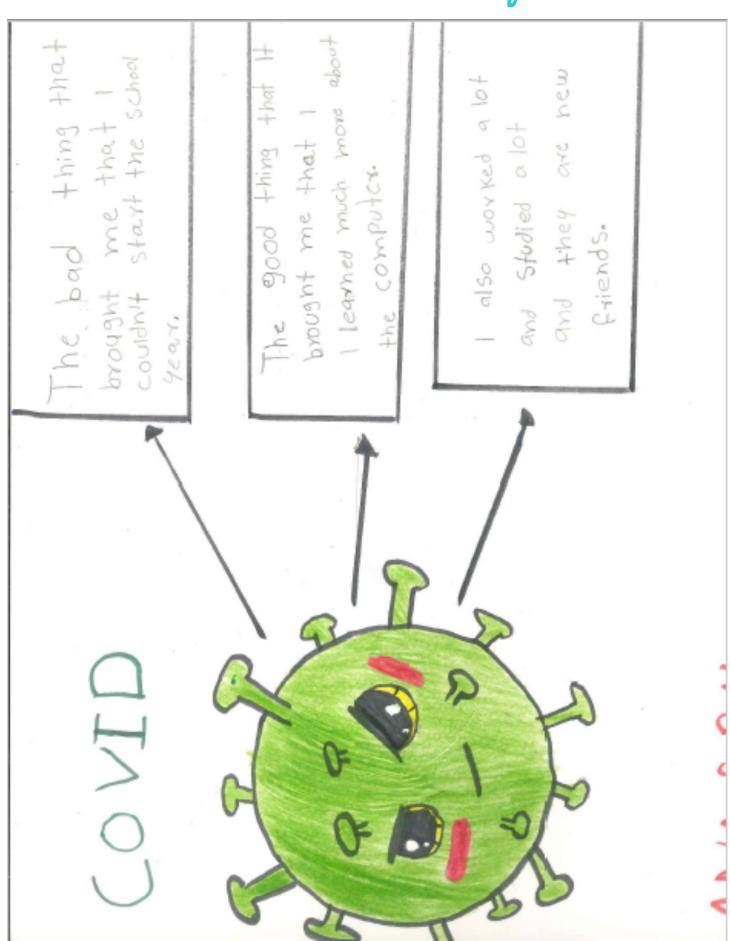
It's another day to look forward too, even on a pandemic. We all grow up knowing that things will change but how far of a person can they change in less than a month? Do they change like the seasons or are they changing because of what others wanted? In this society, to be normal, you have to act normal. You can't be weird or do anything but act like someone you're not. In this quarantine, people are changing, not caring about what others say even though, they are feeling insecure and not confident enough to show who they really are because deep down, they still feel like they're being judged. Even though many people are fighting battles, they make sure others feel welcomed and safe, despite themselves going through the same thing. The society that we live in judges one another, hurts one another, violence one another, and even discriminates one another in every inhumanly way. It seems that our generation is much more intense than it was before. Or we're just repeating the old days, where one hurts another and that no one talks about it. Time goes on even if its been five minutes or less. No matter how you look at the time, it rushes and rushes and it's the next month already, without you realizing it. Even if there's another day to look forward too, there are families mourning for their lost ones, people fighting for their life to stay alive, and those getting hurt by weapons that shouldn't be allowed. Although, even if all these bad things are happening, you get to spend time with your love ones and make sure you stay with them at all cost. Days repeat one another and all the same things happen, day and night, people normalize them as if it was an everyday thing. Day and night, people are in constant fear for their life and their loved ones' life. No one should ever go through that, not one person should feel unsafe. In this society, people say love yourself but then feels insecure and unlovable that even the world doesn't understand. Everyday, your judged, hurt, and called horrible mean slurs. But you can always look forward to another day, in hope that things change. If people stay the same, they can change their ways of becoming a better person like the stars that never stops shining.

What have you learned about yourself since March 2020?

I learned that I like being by myself and talking to those that I feel comfortable with. I also learned that I'm an extreme introvert that I don't do things that would mostly involve me. I learned that people are comfortable talking to me and that they can tell me anything without me judging them. I also learned that I'm a very honest person even if people don't like it and due to honesty, I have, people often get hurt by my words, so I try to limit it from hurting them. I also learned that I like to help people even if they don't need my help and can give advice to them without having to be straightforward and just blurt things out, I listen to them and give them feedbacks. I also learned that I'm a very fast learner if I investigated things more and always come up with ideas and conclusions. I also learned and found out that I'm more thorough than I had thought and would always somewhat be right.

I gained a lot of knowledge about things that I never had time to learn. I was also able to read a lot of things online and learn stuff from it. I also managed to learn a language or two from the dramas or shows I watch and managed to learn one language with the writing and all, but I lost motivation to continue studying because of how hard it was to learn. I lost friends during the entire quarantine and stopped talking to most so I just watched anime and Asian dramas whenever I could. I missed hanging out with my cousins during the quarantine, because I was able to spend a lot of time with my family relatives and had fun with them but since school started, we all had to be busy.

Ana Fabiola Pineda Urquia, 17



JULIA RODAS, 15



"Untitled"

Its morning my alarm woke me up this time I'm not late for online class a part of me wanted to be late it's not that I hate online school...well it is actually I feel like every day I'm repeating the same things...wake up open computer go to class and when they are over go wash up than do assignment's in the middle I eat. Without any knowledge of time its night just a second ago it was 3 how is it 11 already. Then all over again my days repeat. Its suffocating honestly, I don't know if it's just me, but it seems like that everyone is doing just fine. Sometimes I can't sleep because I'm up wondering how it would be like if, not how it would be like if COVIDE19 never happened but if people just listened for once and wore their masks and stayed home because what's happened already happened you can't change that but what we can do is try to prevent it from getting worse but people just don't listen they only care about there own needs and not others. 2020 could have been better if people just listened and used their common sense. My mind is filled with what ifs keeping me from sleeping. I want to go to school I don't know about others but I feel like I haven't learned anything this year I want to go to school I want to feel like a kid and not an old lady who has lived for too long watching everything die slowly, I want to feel alive. But what is feeling alive? You may ask, Its doing the littlie thing like seeing your friends your teachers, going to classes, going to the cafeteria even though the school food was not so good it still felt nice to be there with my friends and talking about the little thigs that we would forget about the second who switch to another topic, things like going to your favorite class, going to the library and taking forever to choose a book. Now that I think about it school had a big impact on my life everything was there except my family. I used to hate going to school but now I just want to go there I want to wake up each morning and have somewhere to go instead of being all alone in my room feeling like nothing is going to change. I'm not a very positive person but I feel like things aren't going to change any time soon its hard to be positive honestly things haven't changed they've only been getting worse but let's hope that this year maybe things well start to get better overtime. I hope people wear masks not just for their own health but for the people around them why should others suffer just because they wanted to go parting. I hope that we can go back to how it was, no I hope that we learn from our mistakes and be more excepting of others that's the only way we can live peacefully instead of judging others off of their race, gender, looks etc. let's be more excepting and understanding. I really do hope that we can live in a peaceful world, but I guess that's too much to ask for.



Capital Seid, 16

What can you tell us about the writing you submitted?

It was written exactly how I felt at the moment.

What is the most important thing you want future generations to remember about what it was like to be a 9th grade student during a pandemic?

That it wasn't as easy or "fun" as it looked

What have you learned about society since March 2020?

That it hasn't changed at all; it just keeps getting worse. Maybe some things have changed for the better, but it all looks like it's sweet and sometimes disturbing, but it's so much worse than that. I hope it gets better and safer.

What is one way quarantining was a positive experience for you?

I got time to think about what I actually wanted to do for the future, even though I wish I had more time to discover many jobs.

"QUARANTINE LIFE"

ANTOINNE SMITH, 15





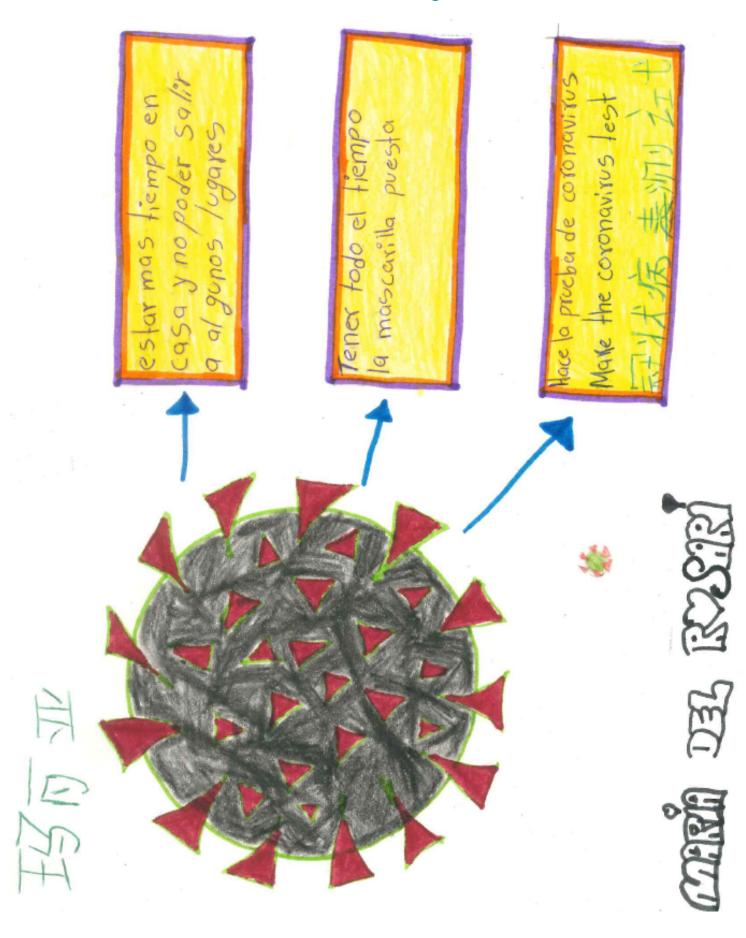


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Use your smart phone to scan the code below. Watch the video Antoinne made about his time spent learning in quarantine!



Maria Tobar Ruiz, 17



covin-19 Nightmare This Past year has been a tough one because not only has this views changed my life. It has changed the lives of many because now we have to get use to not being able to travel and see are families without Following a few guidlines that the C.D.C has set like taking a covid-19 test and. Following a bunch of steps after that then becomes a head are. Plus When you first get it if You get covid you don't even feel can' symbon's or so ive heard. I am Just lucky non of my family nor I have gotten sick of been exposed to the virus.





HECTOR VILLALTA, 15

What is one way quarantining was a positive experience for you?

QUARANTINE WAS A POSITIVE OUTCOME FOR ME BECAUSE I GOT TO TAKE A BREAK FROM A LOT OF WORK.

What have you learned about society since March 2020?

I'VE LEARNED THAT SOCIETY HAS LEARNED TO COME TOGETHER BUT AT THE SAME TIME NOT EVERYONE WAS READY FOR THE OUTCOME THIS PANDEMIC WAS GOING TO BRING TO ALL OF US.

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Nathaniel "Austin" West, 14



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