

For this First Assignment, read, browse, and submit according to the directions below. Complete and submit this work prior to our first class meeting on Monday, August 24.

1 - Read “In an Era of Strife, Museums Collect History as it Happens” <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/10/01/arts/design/african-american-museum-collects-charlottesville-artifacts.html?smid=em-share> (Links to an external site.) (~ if the link doesn’t work for you or asks

you to sign in before reading, you can read it here: [In an Era of Strife.docx](#)

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2 - Read “Archiving a Plague Year”

<https://www.historians.org/publications-and-directories/perspectives-on-history/summer-2020/archiving-a-plague-year-building-a-crowdsourced-digital-archive-of-covid-19> (Links to an external site.) (~ if the link doesn’t work for you or asks you to sign in before reading, you can read it

here: [ARCHIVING A PLAGUE YEAR.docx](#)

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The above two readings are intended to introduce you to the world of rapid response collection and to the *A Journal of the Plague Year* project. The next two parts of the assignment take you deeper into the *A Journal of the Plague Year* project.

3 - Browse the *A Journal of the Plague Year* website <https://covid-19archive.org/s/archive/page/welcome> (Links to an external site.)

4 - Submit at “Share Your Story” <https://covid-19archive.org/s/archive/page/Share> (Links to an external site.) (~ simply follow the instructions at the link; the only extra instructions—specific to our course—is to be sure to use these hashtags—#USF and #H396—when

prompted to enter hashtags; since your submission goes directly to the *A Journal of the Plague Year* project, send me a quick email once you've submitted, simply to let me know—thanks!)

Let me know if you have any questions: nasstromk@usfca.edu.