

MEDICINE AND SOCIETY

Phillips Academy Andover Summer Session 2021

Quarantine Journal Assignment

This multi-part assignment is an opportunity to reflect on your unique experience of quarantining at Andover during the COVID-19 pandemic. You will begin by creating six daily journal entries dated July 2 through July 8, each consisting of 200-300 words. Although not required, you may illustrate one or more entries by creating your own photographs, short videos, or artworks. Imagine you are writing for your future self. Take your reader inside the details of your quarantined life on campus. Please show through evocative details the daily activities, interactions, thoughts, and feelings you are experiencing in the present pandemic moment. Make sure to describe the ordinary and the extraordinary.

The following questions may spark some ideas for your entries:

- What has changed about your daily routine since you entered quarantine at Andover? How do you feel about specific changes? Do they cause you anxiety or joy? How and why?
- What relationships have you formed at Andover so far? How has quarantine made them possible or challenging?
- How has quarantine at Andover affected your relationships with family and friends at home?
- What has been happening in the world (in the news or popular culture) while you have been in quarantine? How have those things affected you (or not)?
- What are you learning about yourself—your likes, dislikes, tolerances, desires, etc.—while living in quarantine? How have you come to learn those things?
- Have you been more or less concerned about your health while quarantining at Andover? How has that shaped your daily activities?
- What was the funniest, weirdest, or most surprising thing that happened to you today? How might you draw a connection between that thing and life in quarantine?
- Is there anything about quarantine life at Andover that you wish you could change? Is there anything about that life you would want to continue beyond the quarantine period?

Each journal entry will be uploaded to Canvas by the deadline listed above. After writing your sixth and final entry and discussing your work in class, you will share your journal with a broader audience through the online digital project, [*A Journal of the Plague Year*](#) (JOTPY). Your JOTPY “story” may consist of your entire journal or one or more selected entries, with or without illustrations. While we will upload the submissions together in class, you should prepare the following on your own:

- a title for your story

- all files associated with your story (PDF format)
- a short description of what your story says about the pandemic, and/or why the selection you submit to JOTPY is important to you
- hashtags to describe your story (these should include #PhillipsAcademyAndover, #andoversummer, and #quarantine)