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Personal Reflections Collection Plan:

I seek to start a collection called COVID Bride. This collection will feed into #JOTPY's aspect of preserving the experiences and weddings of those affected by the plague year. COVID Bride will seek to be more than simple journal entries of the contributor's days, but to be reflections of their experiences and how they have been affected on a personal level around the world. The COVID Bride Collection expand on the issues that are closer to the heart including ceremonies, family and friend attendance, and how plans have been altered by the pandemic. The hope of this is to provide a sense of solidarity in knowing that not just "you" are being affected personally. By stripping down mass media headlines and viral post to center the focal point on individuals' personal lives, the collection will be able to offer a stronger sense of comradery across the world. This collection will also seek to preserve the stories of how life/weddings was and` changed so quickly, so that future generations may see the events of the COVID-19 pandemic shaped not only the world as a whole, but individual lives. Recording this information will be beneficial in providing an in-depth knowledge of how life was, rather than leaving future generations to make assumptions based on media reports. The items and materials should be personal contributions, rather than submissions of others work. This ranges from personal photos, videos, journals, and any other medium that can be a personal reflection. These submissions should be added to the #JOTPY archive with the hashtag #COVIDBRIDE in order

to link the collection together. I think that this collection will add a deeper sense of humanity to the archive, rather than focusing only on dark and humor.