

Reflections of a Quarantine Semester

For your final assignment of the semester, I'd like you to reflect on what spending your first semester of junior year in quarantine has been like for you.

To do this, I want to choose an item that best illustrates the past six months. Maybe it's a photograph of the space where you do distance learning. Maybe it's a picture of your sports uniform that is sitting in your closet unused because you can't go to practice. Maybe it's a video of your virtual dance class. Maybe it's a picture of a take out container from food you had delivered. Maybe it's a screenshot of a video game you play with your friends to try and connect while staying home. Maybe it's a picture of you social distancing while visiting a friend or relative. Maybe it's a piece of music or art or poetry that you've created in isolation.

Once you've selected your item, make up a unique title (DON'T call this "Reflections of a Quarantine Semester" - make up a title that relates to your post). Then, write a short explanation of why you selected your item and explain how it connects to the pandemic and why it best represents your current experience as a junior in high school during not only a quarantine, but during a period of unrest in this country. Your reflection is up to you, you can express your hopes, fears, anxieties, accomplishments, successes, failures... it is YOUR experience.

Other possible things to consider to help brainstorm your reflection

-3 -5 words to describe your 2020, and why.

-What did various holidays look like this year?

-Describe/show your quarantine workspace.

-What three things would you include in a quarantine survival kit and why?

-Memes/texts that represent your experience, photos, original songs, Tiktoks, social media posts, art work, poetry, school assignments, new hobbies, etc.

Last step! You have two choices for this turning in assignment:

1. You can submit your photograph/picture of art/etc. and your paragraph on Google classroom.
2. You can actually submit your piece the the JOTPY archive. If you choose to submit to JOTPY, you do not need to submit your photograph/picture of art/etc. and your paragraph on Google classroom. Instead, take a screenshot of the email confirming they received your submission and turn that in to Google Classroom.

<https://covid-19archive.org/s/archive/page/Share>

If you do submit, you will also need to submit the attached parent permission form to Google Classroom. Technically anyone over the age of 13 can submit to the archive without parental permission, but because you are doing this as an assignment, I need to make sure your parents are okay with you submitting. Please remember that you are able to submit anonymously, which means your story will be part of the archive by your name will not be. :) If your parents don't want you to submit to the archive, just do option one and submit to Google classroom what you would have submitted to the archive and you will still receive credit.

Also, be sure to NOT include personal information! When uploading, be sure to only select "Garden Grove" or "Orange County" for the location. **DO NOT MAP YOUR HOME ADDRESS.** Also, if including a screenshot from your social media, be sure to mark out your name and the name of any followers that appear.

Finally, you will be asked to give "tags." Fill in whichever ones you'd like BUT be sure to tag your entry "APUSH" and "Garden Grove High School."

As an incentive to encourage you to submit to the archive, everyone who submits will receive extra credit. :)