

Creating Future PRIMARY SOURCES

It is up to you to create “primary sources” for future historians! As you know, we are currently going through a world-wide pandemic with the Coronavirus. This will one day be in the history books, and guess what? YOU’RE LIVING IT! What does that mean? It means you are experiencing what it is like to live through this pandemic first hand! So what I would like for you to do is to jot down your thoughts, questions, concerns, and observations about what is going on. I suggest you do this as a letter, a diary/journal entry, or just write. You could also do a short video about what you are thinking and share it with me and friends!

Some suggestions to get you started:

- Your family’s trip to the grocery store and “stocking up.”
- Cancelled family vacations, cancelled field trips, cancelled school.
- How weird is it to have to “e-learn”?
- How are you occupying your time?
- How do you feel about this? Psyched that you don’t have to come to school? Bored? Worried? Bummed that you won’t get to see your friends?
- What is changing for you because of this?
- What kinds of things are your families thinking/saying/doing?
- What is your “must have” if you are going to be cooped up inside for a while?
- What are your “binge watch” recommendations?
- Where is your new “desk”?
- What is the #1 concern you have about what is going on right now?
- What is a small way in which your life has changed right now?
- What mattered to you a few days or a week ago that now seems irrelevant? Vice versa?

These are just some ideas to get you started! These are not required for you to do, but I do hope that each of you take the time at least once and reflect on this time. Remember, you are creating a primary source! You are providing documentation of what a student was thinking in March of 2020 during the global pandemic! We are all a part of history!