

For this assignment, you will create a Photo Journal of “My Life During the Coronavirus Pandemic”.

You will try to tell your story of what your life has been like during the Coronavirus Pandemic using images that you have taken on your phone or camera. This project will be counted as a final test grade in this course, so this needs to be a well thought out project that you devote time to each week.

General Guidelines

1. The broad theme of the project is to tell your story through images and text.
2. You should try to take at least 2-3 photos each day so that you can have some choices in putting the pictures into your journal. You will use a minimum of 20 photos for your final product.
 - A. These photos can be something that you capture spontaneously, or images that you “create” or stage, or you could do a combination of the two.
 - B. Whatever pictures you choose to take should relate to you on a personal level.
4. You need to do this daily, like writing in a journal, in order for the project to really work. It doesn’t work to just go out every Sunday and take a bunch of random photos and upload them to your journal. By doing that, you are missing the point of the project, which is image-based storytelling over time. I will be able to tell if that is what you are doing, and your poor grade will reflect the lack of effort in your project.
5. You also need to balance your weekly photos with an eye for how the project will come together as a whole. Look at your photos together, and ask yourself- do I see a connection? Is there a story that emerges from this journal?
6. You will be required to send me your photos at the end of each week so I can see your progress.
7. You should approach this as an artistic endeavor, and strive to dig deeper into your ordinary life. You are not just documenting your story, you are also commenting on it, as the other artists whose work you will study do. You will need to include at least one selfie in your photo journal. You may include others if you feel that a particular moment or image is important to your journal. Try to seek out original subjects for your photos, or take clichéd subjects and explore them in a new and meaningful way.
8. Think about how your story fits into our larger theme of your life at home during the Coronavirus Pandemic. How does your experience shape your view of the world? How can you capture your life during this pandemic through images?
9. You will be graded on the originality, thoughtfulness, effort, and clarity of your project, as well as how you progressed through the project, if you met all the due dates, and the use of correct spelling, grammar, punctuation, and sentence structure.

This list could go on and on, but here are some things to think about as inspiration when deciding what photos to take:

- What is happening in your community right now related to coronavirus?
 - Changes to community businesses (there are others besides the ones mentioned)
 - Businesses closing
 - New walk-up window on the bank
 - Farm/livestock prices going down
 - Signs on doors of businesses
 - Café deliveries and call-in orders (the cute bunny outside the café)
 - The price of gas going down
 - Clinic virtual visits
 - Church cancellations
 - Social Distancing
 - School Cancellation
 - What is it like to be a student whose school has closed down due to coronavirus?
 - Pictures of where you study, books/computer on kitchen table or desk in your bedroom, etc.
 - What do you miss most about school?
 - Screen-shot of face-timing with friends
 - Picture of basketball, track shoes, band instrument, or whatever you are missing
 - Picture of empty school parking lot
- What makes you feel worried?
 - Picture of the coronavirus image or the governor talking on TV or whatever makes you worry
 - Picture of a newspaper article about coronavirus
- What makes you feel hopeful?
 - People making masks to donate to medical personnel
 - Whatever makes you feel hopeful
- What are you thankful for right now?
 - Family
 - Friends
 - Home
 - Food
 - Whatever you are thankful for
- Besides school, what other cancellations or closures have been hard on you and/or your family?
 - Sports
 - Church-picture of empty church parking lot or religious symbols that your family started displaying because you haven't been able to attend church – picture of your family watching a church service on TV
 - Whatever else has been cancelled that you personally will miss

- Other photos of your daily activities while at home
 - Outside working on the farm
 - Playing board games with your family
 - Babysitting your siblings while your parents go to work
 - Whatever daily activities you want to include
 - Reading
 - A list of shows you binge watched on Netflix
 - Playing video games
- Pictures of things that have become common because of the coronavirus
 - The shortage of Toilet paper
 - Hand Sanitizer
 - Washing your hands with soap and water
 - Wearing a mask
 - Lysol or Clorox wipes
 - Social Distancing



