

# I Survived the Coronavirus Pandemic

## March 2020

- A **primary source** is an eyewitness account of an event. A first-hand, original source! **YOU** are currently experiencing something that will go down in the history books!
- What is a **pandemic**? A pandemic is a widespread occurrence of an infectious disease that has spread across a large region, typically across multiple continents or worldwide.
- Think of this as an ***I Survived*** book. You will be keeping an online or handwritten journal to document this historic event! If you haven't read an ***I Survived*** book before, there are samples on line you can read to get a feel for the structure of the story.
- This is your journal, so share what you feel! Be as detailed as you can (feelings, dialogue, things you notice). You are the author of your own story and you want the reader to feel as though they are a part of it! **Write so when someone reads this in 20 or 30 years, they will understand and know how you were feeling, what was going on in the world, and how you survived this historic event.** Don't feel limited to just words- you can also draw, doodle, record yourself, or create a video to document a day in the life of YOU!
- Each day this week you will be given a prompt that you will add to your Google Slides or Journal.
- Each prompt can be considered a new chapter. Each prompt should fill at least one Google Slide or  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a regular sheet of notebook paper. (see examples below)
- If you have internet access, you can use Google Slides for your online journal. Feel free to change the theme and add your own pictures to your Google Slides journal. Otherwise, you will be handwriting and making a creative journal to write your ***I Survived*** book.
- Be sure to have a cover page (or slide if using Google Slides); add pictures, newspaper clippings or video clips, headlines, pictures of your family (with permission, of course!)



- Font size: between 14-16 depending on the font you use. If you are handwriting the journal, your writing (in normal size) should fill up at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a regular size sheet of notebook paper.

**Chapter Prompts:** Here are some questions to guide you while you write each chapter. You do not have to follow these questions exactly or answer all of them. Rather, it is a guide to get you thinking about the topic. Also, feel free to add/answer your own questions in each chapter.

### **Ch. 1: When I First Heard About the Coronavirus**

- When did you first hear about the coronavirus?
- What was your reaction when you first heard about it?
- Did anything change in your daily routine after first hearing about it?
- What did your parents, teachers, friends say about the coronavirus?

### **Ch. 2: When I Found Out School Was Closed**

- When did you find out school was closed and that you would be learning from home?
- What was your reaction to this news?
- How did you feel? Uncertain? Confused? Excited?

### **Ch. 3: First School Day At Home**

- How was your first school day at home?
- What did you do differently than a normal school day?
- What did you do?
- Do you like learning at home?
- What are some pros and cons of online/home learning?

### **Ch. 4: Community**

- What is open in your neighborhood/city? What is closed?
- What are some items that your family needs that may not be immediately available to purchase?
- What does your neighborhood look like? Are people walking around more?
- From people you've seen (parents, friends, neighbors), what is their morale? Do they seem irritated? Sad? Excited? Confused? Pessimistic? Optimistic? Etc....

## **Ch. 5: Feelings**

- What have been some positive outcomes of this pandemic?
- How are you feeling about the near future? What about long-term?
- What do you miss most about life before this pandemic?
- How is your family affected by this pandemic? How have your daily routines changed?
- What are you learning about yourself, your parents/guardian(s), siblings, friends, etc...while you have been at home?

**After Ch. 5:** You will be continuing this assignment after this week. It will be less structured than Ch. 1-5. You will simply be keeping a journal of your observations, feelings, and things that happen.

**After you finish Ch. 5, you are expected to write in your journal at least 3 times a week.**

Here are some prompts of some things you may write about after you finish Ch. 5:

- Did the government announce, declare, or implement anything new today?
  - If so, does it make sense?
  - Does this impact you and your family?
  - How did you and/or your family react to the news?
- What advice have you been getting from your parents/family/friends?
- Compare and contrast what life was like before and during the coronavirus.
- Make a list of 5 or more things you would like to do when everything is back to normal. Explain why you chose those things.
- Did anything happen today that gives you hope? Anxiety? Fear? Joy?
  - Something you saw in the news?
  - Something that happened to you personally?
- Describe what your daily life is like. What is your school routine?
- Describe how online/home school is going.
- What are some fun activities your family has done during this pandemic? Do you think they will continue when we get back to 'normal'? Why/why not?

See examples on the next page.....



