

COVID-19 Oral History Assignment Transcript / Reflection

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The questions I asked my partner Reese and why?

1. How did Covid 19 affect your social life and your education? (I asked this question because Covid 19 played a major role in harming the academic system and social life of teens)
2. Did your daily routine change due to question 1? (I asked this question because when the pandemic interfered with our social life and education our whole routine changed due to the shift to a different lifestyle.)
3. Did your school go virtual? If so , how was your virtual experience? If your school did not go virtual how was your experience in school with masks and 6 ft apart protocols? (I asked this question because not many schools went to a virtual classroom and followed masks and 6 ft apart protocols which made their experience during the pandemic different.)
4. Did covid 19 bring a positive change to your life ? Did you learn new things or enjoyed the time away from society? (I asked this question because although covid 19 had a negative impact I think us teens had to enjoy some of the disconnection from society)
5. What was a bad memory from the pandemic? What was a good memory from the pandemic? (I asked this question because when we look back to when the pandemic came to america we encountered bad memories but also good ones)

Hello my name is Yaritza Maria Mondragon im a criminology major and a sociology minor and i am a freshman at Butler University

I will be first asking reese question on her experience

Questions:

1. Did you have a positive or negative experience with the COVID 19 pandemic?

I attended a small private school so when Covid 19 came to America we automatically went to a virtual classroom. I had a positive experience when this occurred because I made a decision my eighth grade year to graduate a year and a semester early. When we went to a virtual classroom I took so many dual credit courses (4 courses to be exact) from Ivy tech also virtually and spent most of my free time doing school work. I consider this a positive experience because it helped me academically.

2. How did your daily life change during the pandemic?

Since I dedicated most of my free time to my dual credit courses I could say that's how my daily life changed. I had and still have a very small friend group that includes my best friend Aunesti and my boyfriend, now fiance Junior. I was not harshly impacted when the pandemic took me away from my social life, although I did use facetime more often as a way to replace going to school or hanging out with my loved ones.

3. Were there any hobbies or activities you started?

I really enjoyed cooking and baking but when the pandemic sent us to a virtual classroom I spent my weekends perfecting my recipes. I also grew a passion for timelapsing myself clean. I would set my camera and time laps myself being productive in decluttering my home. The Covid 19 pandemic also made me admire the beauty of nature. My mother loves to landscape our yard and one of my favorite memories was going outside after my virtual class and taking a break from the screen to watch and help my mom plant beautiful flowers on her garden beds.

4. Did you continue doing classes online throughout your 8th grade year?

My school did return to school in person towards the end of my eighth grade year. My school did give us a choice to return in person and follow protocols with wearing masks and maintaining a 6 ft apart distance from one another, or continue virtually through a program called "Indiana online". I chose to finish my eighth grade year virtually due to my motivation on my pathway to graduating early.

5. How did your freshman year of high school look?

My freshman year experience was unique. I did return to school and wore a mask while it was still mandatory. A couple months after the mask wearing became optional, I personally decided to continue wearing my mask due to my mothers weak immune system. I didn't quite enjoy returning to school because I became comfortable with working from home on my own time and having much more freetime.

REFLECTION:

I had an amazing time collaborating with my partner Resse. During our process in the making of our presentations we were very patient and mindful of one another's schedule. It was a very smooth and informative project where I came to learn about Resse's personal experience from the Covid 19 pandemic. After revving our audio I realized that in a way we had a similar experience where we were not negatively impacted from the pandemic but found positive perspectives from it. Resse did an amazing job in answering my questions completely.