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Covid-19 Reflection

Never in my life did I think I would be stuck indoors for months. I remember when I first heard of the virus, it was right before a big convention I was interning at. During the convention, there was no talk about the virus, but after I returned home it was all anything people talked about. Because there were no real rules about staying inside in the beginning, I was practically out for every meal. Hearing that going out wasn't safe anymore was insane to me. For as long as I can remember, LA was the place where staying home and indoors was weird. When school began online I wasn't sad like many of my friends. I was excited to finally have down time where I could really focus on myself. I began working out at home because I did not have my outdoor sports that were keeping me in shape. Online learning was a positive thing for me. I was able to focus more on my schoolwork and my grades increased. At a certain point it really sunk in that I wasn't going to be going out to friends houses and that the rest of my school year was going to be cancelled. It was extremely hard for me to swallow that pill because over the course of this year I have grown very close with some seniors who I will never have another school day with again. It is crazy that people around the world are suffering because people were unsanitary in one country. I think it is strange that I am living in a time that will be talked about for years to come and that one day students will be writing about the Corona Virus for reports just like I recently did on the Black Death. I am hopeful that there will be a vaccination soon and our summers will not be canceled. I am so grateful to all those who put their lives in danger every day to help keep us safe.