**Living through the 2020 Covid-19 Pandemic**

**Journaling Assignment**

**Your Task:**

You are, right now, living a part of world history that is significant and unique. Your task over the next few weeks is to find a way to record your thoughts and feelings about what is going on. Also, try to record what life is like right now. How do you spend your time? How do you celebrate holidays differently? What do you miss? What are you enjoying about the physical isolation?

To do a good job of this you need to pick a format that suits you. You may choose from the following list of ways to create your journal. If you have another idea I haven’t listed feel free to ask me about it.

1. written diary/journal (can be typed or hand written)
2. video diary or you tube series (plan and record your thoughts and ideas)
3. blog (with parent permission if it is live online)
4. picture diary with captions to share what is happening (think Daniel’s Story for those of you who read that novel)
5. combination of several of formats

Please see the marking rubric below for more detail about what should/could be included.

**An Example:**

 When we write things they can, without us realizing it, become a legacy. The last time there was a flu pandemic in the world was in 1918. My Great-Grandfather was a doctor in the prairies at that time. He kept a diary about what he saw happening in the world. Here are two small excerpts from his diary.

 *Nov. 1918 : “I am exhausted having worked 24 days straight and long hours both day and night. I am worried that I am losing my clarity of thought some days but I cannot stop as so very many people are ill. As I made my house calls last night I got called into the house of a woman down the street. Her husband was very ill but they had been unable to reach their doctor. I helped with the gentleman and went to follow up with Dr. Barnes this morning only to discover that he has also fallen ill with this awful influenza. This brought up my fears once more that, should I get ill, my poor MaryAnn would be hard pressed to get by. Peggy would grow up without the guidance of a father. I also wonder what on earth kind of world our new child will be coming in to.”*

*Dec 1918: “What a beautiful winter day it was today. The streets are eerily quiet as schools, theatres, and churches are all closed. Somehow though there was a peaceful stillness out there. With the school closed I have seen many a household that has been able to also slow down as the children are home and doing so much more of the chores. Many hands do make light work and a busy child will not be seeking out trouble.”*

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|  | Emerging | Beginning | Developing | Applying | Extending |
| Several entries are made each week in order to compile an interesting overview of this time in history |  |  |  |  |  |
| Written or spoken work is thoughtful, clear and has well organized ideas. Proofreading and preplanning speaking is evident. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Attempts have been made to showcase a variety of aspects of the pandemic effects on our world (personal,home, school, community, province, country, world) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Contains a balance of facts, information and feelings.  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Has created an interesting and polished record of this time in their lives. |  |  |  |  |  |

Write your plan and ideas on the next page.

Your Plan:

Which format will you use for your journaling?

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When do you think will be the best times to record your journal each week?

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Brainstorm in the space below some ideas about what you could cover in your journal. Use this page as an idea reference for when you are doing your journaling work each week.

How has Covid-19 changed the world?