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Section 1**: MY EXTENDED DIARY EXCERPT**

MARCH 23, 2020- OZONE PARK, JAMAICA, NEW YORK CITY

2:25 PM

Dear Diary,

I'm writing my first entry after checking open lab. Today started out as any normal quarantine day, with the abundance of sanitizer, gloves and masks making my job a little difficult since I'm not accustomed to wearing gloves and a mask. For my job I depend on the feelings in my hands because I detail cars, so I must feel the paint in order to know how to proceed with the detailing. Anyways I'm on lunch break right now so I decided to start my diary entry. Today I grabbed a small lunch because my options were limited since majority of places are closed, I got a chicken parm with a 20-ounce coke. Surprisingly its tasting really good, not going to lie I was skeptical about it because I never ordered anything from Ozone Pizzeria before. Just finished my lunch, didn’t have much time to write a lot so this will conclude my first diary entry.

MARCH 24, 2020- SOUTH JAMAICA, NEW YORK CITY

6:17 AM

Dear Diary,

Literally just woke up to my phone ringing, when I checked I saw that I had 7 missed calls from my boss. When I saw that I immediately knew what it was about, yesterday I had to close the shop since I was working the afternoon shift, and instead of leaving the keys in the locker I kept it in my pocket. Now I must get to my job before 7am and its my day off. I'm kind of angry but it's my fault so I can't complain. Got to go so I will continue after I return home. Now its 9:39am came home and made some breakfast. I made a turkey-bacon, egg, and cheese sandwich with a glass of orange juice and a cup of Keurig Starbucks medium roast coffee. I don’t really drink orange juice that much, but since the corona virus attacks your immune system, I've been taking a lot of vitamins. Other than that, today will be a chill day I will be continuing my online courses for my other classes, I have a lab report that’s due by 6pm today and an online test starting at 4pm and ending at 6:30pm. So, for the remainder of the day I will be performing an experiment and studying.

MARCH 25, 2020- SOUTH JAMAICA, NEW YORK CITY

4:03 PM

Dear Diary,

 Today has been going pretty good so far, I woke up around 9:30am and headed to the grocery store. It wasn’t a shock to see the shelves empty and cases of water that was once 3 cases for $10.00 is now $7.99 each. After I was finished from the grocery store I went to the pharmacy only to see the vitamin and nutrition isle was full of products. I found this very odd because as we know the corona virus affects the immune system which means we should build our immune systems by using vitamins. I got a few vitamins, such as b12, vitamin C, and vitamin D. I’m kind of taking my own approach on the virus but at the same time still doing the basic social distancing, and cleaning of the hands and face. Since today is Wednesday I have a couple of classes today, I just received an email from Art history saying that instead of us meeting online every Mondays and Wednesdays we will be given a test on each of those days since many people is having so much difficulty with the distance learning. Luckily for me this English class has made it easy to communicate using the open lab website.

MARCH 26, 2020- SOUTH JAMAICA, NEW YORK CITY

3:46 AM

Dear Diary,

 As you can tell by the time that I’m writing this, you can tell that I am REALLY bored. I already feel like I’m doing the same thing every day, not going to lie I kind of feel like I’m in prison but at the same time not really. Ever since we got the news that we will be doing distance learning, and I won’t be able to go to work since my job is not “essential” I finished twelve seasons of Criminal Minds on Netflix and I’m already on season 10 of Bones on Hulu. At this point I feel like I’m watching a full season per day and its beginning to get very boring. If I happen to leave my house it usually really fast, just going to do something important then rush back home. Even when I’m outside its really depressing because it’s not the usual sight, the roads and sidewalks are almost empty. Even on social media and T.V all you see is some type of “new” information or some sort of broadcast on the corona virus. I know it’s something life threatening but I feel like if they don’t find a cure soon, we will all go crazy from being in our homes.

April 5th, 2020

12:56 PM

Dear Diary,

Just woke up and it just hit me that I haven’t been uploading anything to open lab, can’t lie I have been enjoying life living inside. I had free time, but I guess it just slipped my mind to upload. however, I have been reading some of you guy’s posts and it is really interesting to see how everyone is doing and how they are dealing with this crisis differently. It has been a week since I have uploaded during this time of absence, I have been enjoying these Netflix movies and series also I have been eating a lot, I actually gained some weight. Yesterday I tried to go grocery shopping and had to wait in a huge line just to get in, that wasn’t the worst part, when I finally got inside they had limitations on almost every  items toilet paper was limited to 1 pack per customer and water was limited to 2 cases per customer. while inside the manager made an announcement saying that they won’t be getting supplies for a while so they might be closing the store for a few days. As I looked around, I can see the facial expression on everyone’s face and all I saw was everyone looking anxious and nervous. hope everyone is doing well…stay safe.

Section 2**: REFLICTION AND ANALYSIS OF DIARY READING**

REFLECTION OF A YOUNG GIRL: ANNE FRANK

The diary started on June 12, 1942; Anne Frank’s birthday. Her birthday present was the diary. While reading Anne Frank’s diary I was captured by her honesty and extensive expression of emotions, I think this is because she had no one to confide in. She makes every situation full of light no matter how dull it may be. Another main thing I noticed is she felt like she was not being appreciated by the people around her which made her express so much in the diary. In her diary she expresses how she tries to understand the personalities of the people surrounding her, especially her mother because she describes her mother as someone who lacks sympathy and she’s not cut out to be a mother. Anne also talks about the living conditions they were in, they were in hiding from the Germans in their homes, which Anne called the secret annex. As time go by Anne was maturing, she talks about going through her menstrual cycles which also made her think more about Peter, who arrived one week to the secret annex after the Frank family. In the 1943 part of the diary Anne started to talk about how miserable she was, and she talked about who made her feel that way. It was mostly her mother whom she disagreed to her advise of thinking all the misery and being thankful they were not sharing it; Anne felt her mother was being selfish not considering what could happen to them if they were found. In her last diary entry, she talked about the fear she has of showing her “real” self, instead of showing the girl that laughs and jokes around. Although there were in a dangerous situation Anne still had hopes to becoming a journalist and a famous writer, she achieved that by writing in the diary and it resulted in her becoming a famous writer hence her diary being read by millions across the world.

Section 3**: REFLECTION OF UNIT II AND GRADE**

Overall unit II has been very complicated, mainly because of the huge transition to online classes. Having to figure out how to access the websites and mainly communication between student to professor has been a little difficult since almost everyone has been experiencing some difficulty with the whole online classes transition. After I figured out the online thing the first assignment was pretty understandable and fun because I got to write how my day has been going, express emotions and it was just easy to do. I would really like to continue writing the diary entries because it allows us to read and feel what others are going through especially in these times. For this unit I definitely learned that I can understand and see different perspectives of things that I have seen before, for example I read the Anne Frank’s diary freshman year of high school and I could remember that my thoughts on her writing and expressions were so basic compared to now, where I feel like I understand more of what Anne Frank was writing. While reading other people’s writing I learned that we think very similar, once again going back to the diary entries most of us were feeling the same way about being home; for example, at first, we thought it would be fun but quickly got bored.

Honestly for unit II I think I deserve a B or B+ because I did most of the assignments and posted them on time. Also, I was very active on the openlab website, I have commented on other people’s writings and posted many of my own. However, I did miss some days of writing diary entries but that was just a phase of me adjusting to being home every day.