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**SECTION 1: MY EXTENDED DIARY EXCERPT**

Diary of a Madman Indoor 2020 During Covid-19

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March 23-26, 2020

March 23, 2020- Astoria, Queens, New York City

Dear Diary,

9:33 AM

I woke up fairly late since we haven't had an online session yet for English, but I had my regular physics class to attend to at 10 am, Now I'm going to rush into the shower or else I'll be late lol.

11:50 AM

Finally finished my physics class and there was a lot of information to take in, I was a little lost in the beginning given that I was about 5 minutes late but overall I got the concept and I'm just glad I got the midterm over with before moving to online for this class.

1:25 PM

Lunch time, now I get to eat my favorite chicken with rice, it's weird though how lately we've been eating together like a family when no one is barely home.

4:00 PM

After from uploading so many songs to my SoundCloud playlist I decided to go play FIFA on my PS4 since I'm barely on it and my little brother recently went from that to PC which means he games on the computer.

8:35 PM

After gaming for so long I found out that I can start a career mode where I play as someone new and I upgrade my player by playing games, by assisting other teammates, scoring goals and being a team player. I also just played with two of my close friends Kid Alex since he's my age but sounds like a kid due to his voice and Buestan which his actual name is Bryan, but I call him by his last name since I know too many people named Bryan.

10:00 PM

Now going to sleep because I have class at 8 am

March 24, 2020- Astoria, Queens, New York City

1:00 PM

Crazy how I'm writing this in the middle of the day but I literally woke up at 7:30 desperately trying to go back to sleep because I had class at 8 am which was my pre calc class and as usual I didn't have my camera on just because I was still in my pajamas lol.

I stayed during the lecture and listened to her the whole time, but I was just hoping that she knows I'm present even though she called out attendance.

After that I thought I would have my usual 10 o'clock Psychology class but turns out the midterm was today and it was supposed to end at 2pm which is why I'm starting this diary entry a little late well throughout the rush of 1 hour and 30 mins for a two part exam I think I did pretty good because I passed the first part barely but still passed.

3:00 PM

My parents went out to take my newborn baby cousin and my aunt to the pediatrician for his shot. I'm a little worried that they left being that they're the ones that told me that I should leave but they did anyway.

They came back home with groceries and cooked some bomb a\*\* food, don't worry before that they washed their hands

5:28 PM

Finally got back on the grind for FIFA, only have two more days for class as well

7:50 PM

Ordered pizza after a while of not eating it, which hit the spot since I feel so sleepy while writing this last entry for the night

March 25, 2020- Astoria, Queens, New York City

9:00 AM

I woke up fairly early for my 10 am physics class and this time I was prepared since I have an extra hour to do whatever I can do before class started.

12:45 AM

No more overwhelming exams except for one tomorrow but I think I'm fully prepared also I was given the news that Spring break would be shorten and CUNY's would close again for another recess. Not being in the classroom anymore has really affected me to be honest, especially by making me lazy but I know that I must get work done at home just as I do in my classes.

2:55 PM

A nice chicken cutlet with beans, rice and lettuce was what I encountered for lunch I couldn't resist the smell from the kitchen, but I was ready to devour it.

5:12 PM

My dad brought up an old game that I remembered playing when I was in 6<sup>th</sup> grade which is called burro, it's Spanish game but translated into English means donkey and the whole point was to match the same suit but whoever had the higher number won that round and got to play the next card. Whoever had no cards was out the game but whoever was left lost and thus called the donkey.

7:49 PM

Now time to get back on FIFA and back to upgrading my player. Who I really want to be in, Real Madrid which is one of my favorite team's?

10:40 PM

I totally forgot that I had to do homework for psychology and it's an essay with short answers after having two parts, this is the end of me especially since I have a test tomorrow morning.

Diary of a College Kid 2020 During Covid-19  
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March 30-April 3, 2020

March 30, 2020- Astoria, Queens, New York City  
Dear Diary,

10:00 AM

I just woke up from sleeping at 2am since I was on the phone talking, waking up to the smell of bacon and eggs in the air felt soooo amazing. Especially since we were on recalibration break. I think it's good we're having this because some faculty and students need all the resources they can get to proceed forward for this semester.

12:35 PM

I took a shower an hour ago and now I feel pretty fresh, Today is also my parents' anniversary, making this year their 25<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of being married. Someday I would like to be married for that long or even more. I help my brother too with his homework and it's been a little annoying since he's in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and I don't really remember most of the work from before.

2:30 PM

Since I had a pretty big breakfast, I decided to make myself a PB&J sandwich since it's been one of my favorites from grade school. I turned on the tv and I decided to watch this show that I'm currently into called Freaks & Geeks which came out in the year 2000. I don't know why but it really caught my attention since it's about a life of a high schooler and it's from the past before I was even born too.

7:00 PM

After watching several episodes, I am like an addict to this show, even though there is only one season I'm really looking forward to it since it talks about life from the past but in a high schooler's perspective. Now I'm going to eat fettucine alfredo which they sell at my Pizza & Pasta place across the street from my building.

9:25 PM

That food hit the spot, but I had to share it with my little brother, my parents didn't really get anything because they don't have any appetite since they have been feeling a little ill. I was a little sick too a week ago, but I got better pretty quick since my friend gave me an immune boost drink and a wellness shot (INSERT PIC)

11:55 PM

It's pretty late now and my parents are telling me to go to sleep since my father has trouble sleeping in the night, but I think I'm going to just stay in the living room watching tv while my little brother plays fortnite on his PC.

March 31, 2020- Astoria, Queens, New York City

9:15 AM

I just got up and brushed my teeth, I went to the living room and saw a plate filled with pound cake and hot chocolate, today I figured was going to be a lazy Tuesday since there was no class today, the day before or tomorrow so I just decided to kick it back and continue watching my show.

12:28 PM

I made myself a grilled cheese sandwich for lunch and I'm just getting on the PS4 to play with some of my friends either GTA or FIFA.

3:00 PM

After playing for a couple of hours I got bored and I'm just laying down in bed scrolling through my phone on this app called Grailed where I shop some of my clothes that I think are cool and try to get it for a low price. I recently found these shoes I've been wanting for a while now and I got it just for \$95 dollars shipped right to my house. (INSERT PIC)

9:00 PM

I took a really long nap considering on how bored I've been at home, I'm not really a stay at home kind of guy because being outside something new always happens but I know because of the virus it isn't safe for anyone to go out.

12:45 AM

I'm currently listening to music and doing some of my homework for my other classes online especially my labs and homework physics.

April 1, 2020- Astoria, Queens, New York City

10:25 AM

I woke up pretty late since the night before I was on the phone talking and I don't really want to be up since today is April fool's day. I know today is about jokes and laughing but it just sucks to see so many people struggling to survive and move forward. I know there is going to be a lot of memes on the internet, but I just hope people could actually take this virus into consideration and see what's happening.

12:55 PM

I actually saw a meme of my old high school and it actually made me smile and laugh. I've seen a couple of things today that actually made me laugh while others were just being annoying and taking this coronavirus crisis as a joke. I know many people have said this already, but I actually miss going outside.

3:00 PM

Lunch was made and my parents are still ill so it wasn't really the best but earlier this morning they went out to get checked up and get some medicine, I went with them to look after them and there was a line outside the doctor's office, so many people waiting outside essential businesses and other stores closed due to COVID-19.

6:42 PM

I've just been watching tv and on SoundCloud adding some unreleased and songs I haven't heard to my playlist account which is what I really look forward to playing everywhere either in my ears or in the car when this quarantine ends, Also I have been watching my show and it just gets better and better.

9:00 PM

Well I just had some penne alla vodka which is one of my favorite's and I think I'm going to sleep early tonight since I have class tomorrow and the break is finally over I'm looking forward to my three classes, I'm free Fridays too so I'm excited for my 3 day weekend.

## SECTION 2: REFLECTION AND ANALYSIS OF DIARY READING

I chose to read *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* not only because it was my favorite back in grade school but also it shows true examples of how to actually write a diary. For instance, the audience such as myself can take so much information from the author Jeff Kinney. Such as reading Greg's humor throughout the book and show us his life through his perspective from being at home, going to school, going out and having something new to say every day. He wants the audience to realize that not every day will be the same as the day before or the next day that is yet to come, because anything can happen at any time so we have to seize every moment, minute and second that we have of our life. His approach was mainly being funny and true to himself, he really didn't care about how others saw him because he was happy with the life he had even though he may not have been the coolest, best looking or popular in his book, what makes him unique is being himself. No one could relate to him his family and his friends since he had ups and downs with a lot of people he still managed to continue with his diary. The tone was mainly being humorous and become true to yourself because if you write about someone else or in a different perspective then what's the point of writing in a diary if you're not speaking your truth through your own mind.

It is written day by day, and with words in short to medium size sentences with some pictures along to go with it. I think having all of these can really help a reader get lost in the book because many people are interested in either words or just by looking at pictures. It affected me because making this journal for class gave me inspiration for why I should be thankful to be given this opportunity to not only show but tell my classmates about who I am as a person. It made me think of writing my own personal journal as good way to express myself just as Greg did. I learned a lot and when I read it this time I looked at the book in a different way as I did when I was a kid, understanding why the author did certain things and his techniques for expressing Greg the way he did throughout the whole book.

The format of the diary I chose to write was similar to *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* as he had the day of each day he wrote entries on and separated it by months which is pretty smart because you save time from writing your setting, the time and etc. But what I did was the opposite, I wrote with the location I was in, the time, the month, day and started off with "dear diary" for every first entry. But as I went through the book, I realized that it's actually easier than it looks, and I shouldn't have to make diary entries harder or more difficult than it should be. In the beginning of the diary Greg mentions that once he becomes famous, he wouldn't want to answer so many questions from his fans so making his diary which initially was supposed to be a "journal", would help people understand him throughout his life. This may inspire my diary as it is filled up with me. Everyone is different in their own ways so I feel like if everyone was to make diaries then you could tell a lot about a person without having to see them actually in person. For every diary or journal you would read it is unique from the rest, just like now were all going through the fact we have to be quarantined but were all doing different things but at the same time, and a few years from now we won't even think about what we did now because not everything in your brain stays forever but typing/writing words on a paper can stay for a lifetime.

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

I did struggle because of the online learning distance, which I really regret not talking a lot in class, but am really thankful for your teachings and lessons because it helped me see English not just as a subject but as a big idea. I do try though, as I always did from unit one, I try putting in the effort to show improvements from my work before. The diary entries were a little challenging because I didn't think I would be as good as Anne Frank or Greg Heffley but as I continued to read other people's entries and "Diary of a Wimpy Kid", I realized that it doesn't matter what you write because as long as you put feeling and express yourself through it you can grab a lot of attention. So, understanding this gave me so much opportunity to play around with it and have fun. It was fun reading a book that brought back so many memories while doing work I didn't think I would have done before. There isn't something specifically I wish we could have done more but the work given overall was interesting even with the Zoom meeting we had with you opened up my eyes with my diary entries. I think I learned a lot from reading the book and other entries from my peers, since I get to hear from other perspectives during this quarantine. Nothing really surprised me, I just did the work as I was told, I will be honest most of the work I hand in I haven't really revised it unless it's a given task to like making drafts after drafts, because that is what improves writing for anyone. I think the work I hand in is substantially good, but revision wouldn't hurt since all it would do is make my work better. I don't do it as much because I lack time to revise a good amount of work. There is always room for improvement though, I can tell while I read other people's work it changes over time with new ways of expressing whatever it is that's on your mind.

I feel like I deserve a B or B+ because the work I do is on point in my opinion it's not the best in the class because there are going to be people better than you, its life so I'm okay with that but I say a B because I feel like I'm an average student. I feel like this for most of the work I handed in, if I get any higher then I would be a little surprised but not really since I hand in the work on time and I put in my full effort for each assignment. Even though I procrastinate a lot I still manage to get my work done, which is rarely ever rushed through, I like putting my thoughts into paper so I can express myself better and clearer. Throughout my whole life I've been like a B or sometimes A student, but I wouldn't complain with what I get since I know there are criteria that must be met. For the diaries I must admit I was a little sick during these two weeks so I may have missed out on some details but I really did try to include what I did throughout my day, my parents have been under the weather too given that they went out shopping for food and taking care of other family members which are currently sick or in the hospital. I've seen and heard a lot of deaths lately not only coming from Tv but from families around me. This is a sad time for everyone which is why I think this is my challenge that I have faced, life just isn't the same as I did entering the Namn building on jay street going to class and sitting near the door/left side of the wall. Life is very different now but there is nothing we can do but adjust and move forward, its life there will be ups and downs but as humanity we must continue to move forward under any given circumstances. For Unit II I think I deserve a B+ as a whole.