W6A – Lesson 3, Essay 2, Draft 2

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Topic: An historical event that could have been avoided

A woman hides the truth

At the end of 2019, a novel coronavirus began to sweep the world. Every country started to strictly contain the epidemic. At this time, we should not violate the instructions of the state and do what we want to do without authorization. But there are always some people who will have a fluke, and the things they do bring inconvenience to many people.

On March 12, a Chinese woman living in America wanted to go back to China with her family. They took the flight CA988 from Los Angeles to Beijing. A few hours after the flight took off, that lady went to the steward and said that she felt suffocated, weak and slightly numb on her face. She also said that she did not travel with other people and had not taken any medicine before boarding, but had a short history of fever a week ago. The flight attendant took her temperature and isolated her from other passengers.

Then Two hours before the flight landed at about 4:00 a.m. Beijing time on March 13, the woman went to the steward and said that she had been infected in the company where she worked in the United States. She had a fever in the United States and had taken anti fever medicine before boarding. Her husband and children also traveled on the same plane, with seat numbers of 54K and 54l. The crew immediately reported the situation to the captain and arranged for her husband and children to sit in the isolation area.

After the crew took their temperature again, the temperatures of the whole family were normal. But when she and her family landing in Beijing, she was diagnosed with novel coronavirus pneumonia, and more than 60 close contacts were isolated. On March 16th, her husband was diagnosed with novel coronavirus pneumonia. On June 1, 2020, she was arrested after recovering from the coronavirus.

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Perhaps the woman thought reporting was very troublesome. She and her

family wanted to go to China as quickly as they could. It spend too much time if they reported it. Or, maybe she thought the pandemic was not as severe as everyone said. And she ate medicine so she thought she will get well by herself.

People in Beijing were very angry about that. They thought she was very selfish, and didn’t care about other people’s health. Other people consider her behavior could be forgiven, because everyone wants to go to a safe place quickly.

I think she didn’t do the right thing, either. She did it just for herself and her family, and it’s not correct at all. If she told the truth to the officer, and isolated herself from others, she wouldn’t make others need to be isolated. It probably would have taken long time, but it would have been good for everyone.

In the end, this story has a bright side. First, the custom officer can pay more attention to people who come back to China from other countries. Second, it is a warning to other people not to do like her. People not only need to protect themselves like by washing hands and doing exercise, but should also concerned about other people.

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