

Time Capsule Journal Entries for Time Studio

I believe that, your art is like a time capsule for where you were at, where your mentality was at, at that specific or that particular space in time.
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We are around month 9 of the COVID-19 pandemic, and there are questions of whether life will ever return to normalcy.

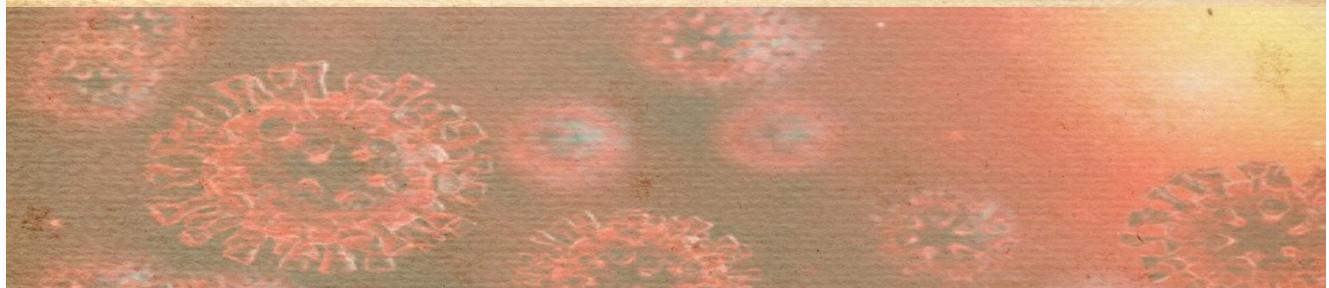
I haven't contracted the virus, nor has anyone in my family. My friend had it a few months ago, but it wasn't bad for her at all, and she quickly recovered after a week.

There are rumors of another lockdown, and governors are creating new mandates and lockdowns across the country. There is unrest among the people.

Our academic lives have shifted to online learning. This is especially difficult for art classes, since we don't have the face to face instruction where teachers and professors can go around the room helping students.

We have had to change how we fulfill our basic needs. I've been living at home these past few weeks, because of a greater availability of resources I need for my school work. I am living at home next semester instead of on-campus because classes will remain online.

Despite these disappointing setbacks to our daily life, COVID has taught me that we can all get through these changes, and it can strengthen other parts of our life that we took for granted before COVID. Since I'm at home, I have been hanging out more with friends from High School that are at home too or are not attending college.



November 19, 2020

Today i'm feeling no different from any other. My everyday routine has turned into a quite solid one, given that I find myself doing the same thing over and over in these current times. A few days ago, it was recorded to be the worst day for covid related deaths since May, which I find heartbreaking. On another note, they have come up with a vaccine that will hopefully soon be released. Thanksgiving is coming up and i'm sad to learn that I will not be able to join the rest of my family for dinner, due to my aunt taking extra precautions because she is currently going through chemotherapy. But thankfully, i'll at least be with my sister here in Richmond; I can imagine Christmas will also be spent in the same way. On the brightside through this time, I have been more independent than ever, and I can say it feels really nice making time for myself and being able to focus on my work and building new skill sets. Overall, I do miss hugs and regular casual company and i know that once this is all over, the first thing i'll be doing is celebrating a "normal" life once again.



For my future self

Remember to be kind to others and never take anything for granted. Nothing is forever, so be sure to cherish the now.



Journal Entry

November 19th, 2020

Today I am neither happy nor sad. Being in my art room lifts my spirits though. My family has not been able to see Sydney since July. We miss her dearly but the risks are too high to see her since COVID cases continue to rise in the USA. Not seeing Sydney has given my family a break. We've been able to paint our house and focus on ourselves. This year has given me some time for self discovery. Being in the art program at VCU has also given me the freedom to express myself. I am proud of myself for finishing my associates degree earlier this year but being in art school is a completely different experience. Though 2020 has been an unpredictable year, I am thankful for all the support. I am thankful for done for Sydney and I.



My mother has been my main everything she had I hope in the years to come, I can support her just as much.



For my future self
I hope I finished art school. If I didn't, it better be for a good reason. I hope I am happy wherever I end up. Life is too short to worry about the unknown. Stay kind
- Nikki

November 2020
Falls Church Virginia

I am currently an art student at VCU I moved to Richmond in hopes that my classes would be in person like VCU told me, but when I got there all of my classes were moved on to zoom. I didn't leave my apartment and I didn't make any friends so I had to come home. Now I'm working but I'm still stuck in this lease and I'm paying \$800 a month because apartments do not care how the pandemic has affected people.

I Can't see my Grandma or Oma. My Oma is 93 and lived through Hitler and World War II. She has gone through so much history and now this. What I am going through is nothing compared to her experience. She was in bomb shelters during high school and she was the only girl in an all boys school because they were poor. I just found out Oma can't come to Christmas this year and I've been so bummed about it. I know it is the best choice to keep her safe but it still just really sucks.

There is no vaccine yet US cases get higher every day and other countries have controlled it much better.

News update US death toll's near 250,000 in wake Up deadliest day since early May



My boyfriend and his family came to visit me about a week before I decided to move back home because it was too lonely in a big city by myself



9/10/2020
Visiting Oma during my move back home