

Hello, my name is Molly Odgren I am 14 and I am in the eighth grade. I don't know exactly how to set this up but I will try. I am writing to talk about how the world is today in 2020. This could be something that people look back on to learn about history which is strange to think about, my present, everything that I live through becoming history. Currently, society is facing a challenge that is similar to some things we have faced before in history but it is a completely new and scary thing to us. There is now a new thing called the Corona Virus or COVID-19 this is a disease that could cause death to people who get it and is like the flu. This is called the Covid-19 because the virion under a microscope looks like it has a halo or corona so the CO stands for corona the VI stands for virus the D stands for disease and the 19 is for the year it was discovered at the end of 2019. Anyways I am going to explain some of the things that people are going through and some of my thought processes just to give you a general idea, and if there are more of these writing pieces that you could read it could help you gain a general understanding of what the world is going through or for you if you are reading this in the future what the world went through. See how this could be a very confusing thing to set up. I do not know whether to write in the present tense or past tense? So after the Coronavirus was discovered it was in the news for about two weeks and people would talk about it not really getting the concept of how bad this could actually potentially be a big deal that could and would affect a lot of people. Then it was announced that we would be out of school the week before our spring break to help slow the spread of the disease. The reason that they wanted to slow the spread is so that the people do not overwhelm the hospitals. This is all a very scary thing to face and everyone needs to be so careful. But at the same time even though this is the reality that we live in it feels to me as if it has not set in. It does not seem like such a big deal except for the fact that it is. Everyone is staying at home unless we are grocery shopping or walking a dog. We are pretty much always home and it was more difficult when it was snowy we could play in the snow and now that it is getting closer to the summer it is great to play outside with my dog and my cat. While we are in this everyone is wearing masks and acting weird it is a sort of an alternate reality living in a sort of world of isolation. We are sticking together and giving lots of credit to grocery store workers and nurses and doctors. This is one of the things that have come out of this that I think is amazing these people who are doing hard work and putting their life on the line. They are and deserve admiration. I know that I may be making this seem like no big deal but that is because I am not experiencing the sickness or death first hand, I do not personally know anyone who has been affected, but this is huge and lots of people are affected. This is a big deal that is a real danger and it is a good thing that society has taken such measures to keep people safe. I do not know how long this will last and if in the future you have created time travel I would love for someone to let everyone know what will happen and what we should do better in the world as we face this. Thank you for reading this if you read it all.