

Primary Source Reflection 1

Western Civilizations

In the current year 2020, COVID-19 certainly was a frightening surprise to the world. As many others have thought, I also never once imagined I would be living in a pandemic. However, here I am, living through a time of uncertainty. I was distraught when I realized my senior year of high school was being taken away from me. All the events I have been looking forward to for years were soon disappearing in a blink of an eye. I was devastated when I realized I would not be going to my senior trip, prom, and graduation. I was deeply confused and filled with anger because I have worked extremely hard to get to where I am today. It was deeply saddening to think about not getting the chance to walk at my high school graduation as a whole class of 500 students. Instead of my last half of senior year being a happy one, it was filled with anxiousness not knowing what the future holds.

I was furious, I did not understand why God was allowing a pandemic to occur. I did not understand why God was not preventing the deaths of hundreds of thousands of people. My heart felt shattered for all the people who passed away, for the family and friends who lost loved ones, for people with mental health issues, for people who lost their jobs, and for the many other negatives COVID-19 brought. For many weeks I looked at the disadvantages that COVID-19 brought, and then I started seeing personal positives. For once in my lifetime the world pressed a pause on life. This never happened, everyone was always running around, overloaded with busyness. People started to have the time to have bonding experiences with their families and got to

reflect on appreciating the gift that everyday holds. People learned to never take life for granted and learned to appreciate the small moments. If we had not experienced this pandemic many would have not learned the important roles family, friends, and health have in our lives.