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Covid Reflection

The world is truly a remarkably interesting place to live in and I have witnessed incredible changes during the Covid-19 worldwide pandemic. I have seen wildfires that destroy an entire continent, race riots, hurricanes, including Sandy and Irma, but I never imagined that I would be living during a global pandemic. Covid-19 changed my entire life and it shaped my view of the world and it made me realize just how precious life is. I have experienced many things and I have seen over 40 countries and four different continents, but never have I seen the world dramatically shift before my eyes until this pandemic.

Going from being in my freshman year of college to rapidly moving, to wearing a face mask all the time and social distancing with the 6-foot social distancing rule that is the new norm. When I am watching TV, I see the events unfold in horrible ways and it is hard to be optimistic about the future. I see people dying at an alarming rate before my eyes and this is what 2020 has turned into for me and thousands of other college students around the world. The gag is, my story is different, I was stuck in Florida with my parents for over four months. This was a truly a difficult time, especially down south, when nobody follows the rules and wearing a face mask is a political, not a health issue. I was stuck in Florida, while the rest of my family and friends were stuck in Connecticut. I was scared and felt like the world was coming to an end. Shopping was an experience, with people fighting over everything from paper towels to toilet paper and

nothing was in stock. It truly was like Armageddon. People would break out into fights, just to make sure the 6-foot rule would not be broken. As the global pandemic got worse, so did the people's mentality and the new stories that were coming out in the media. With the massive race riots breaking out, due to the death of an African American male named George Floyd, the world was truly crumbling.