

Western Civilization  
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A year ago, today, I never thought that this is the world that we would be living in. In the beginning, it all happened so fast and the world went on lockdown. Although Covid-19 has affected our lives in negative ways, in my personal opinion, I found numerous ways to find happiness during this pandemic. First off, I truly enjoyed being in quarantine. When life was normal, my house was always hectic. I was constantly running in and out of the house between going to school and going to dance every day. My parents were at work every day and my siblings were always doing things as well. Quarantine was definitely scary and sad not being able to do our everyday activities but being able to spend quality time with my family really warmed my heart.

Just like my family, I don't think people understood the severity of this disease. I remember seeing people hanging out with friends during quarantine and I wished I could be like them. After watching the news and getting educated on the Covid-19 pandemic, I knew this was not a joke. Our life came to a complete stop. The only time anyone would ever leave the house would be to go to the grocery store and even that was risky because no one actually knew what was going on with this pandemic. The news was changing every day and the symptoms kept adding on. The media, in my opinion, definitely did not help. It was all over the place and everyone was so scared seeing how many cases there were and how much false news they were providing.

Personally, Corona really messed with me. Being able to have family time helped me personally a lot during this because at the time, I felt as if everything was ripped away from me. I was upset not being able to have my senior year of high school and all of the huge milestones I was going to miss. I was devastated that I had my last year of dance gone out of nowhere and it was super hard not being able to experience that. The time I shared with my family during quarantine really calmed me down and made me forget about all of the bad in the world. The second I got to school I realized how lucky I was to be able to experience this. I felt like I got a chance to start over and for life to be somewhat “normal” again. This has been the most crazy year ever and to be able to find happiness through it all is truly a gift and I am so grateful for how my life is right now.

I think one lesson that I have learned from this pandemic is to not take anything for granted. You don't know what you have lost until it is truly gone. This is including a regular lifestyle, family members, and friends. I hope that life will start to be somewhat back to normal soon.