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Thoughts during a Pandemic

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Time Capsule:

My name is Ben Faulkner, currently I am a sophomore nursing major at Xavier University and the following is some of what I have noticed or experienced during the quarantine of COVID-19. It is crazy how the world is changed, it has so many pros and cons. The Earth is actually cleaner than it has been in a long time. For example, LA has no smog and the city is completely visible from far away. Also, the Venice canals have no people really using them or polluting them, so wildlife has returned, and it is a beautiful site to see. It is really annoying how we cannot see our friends, but some people stopped caring and do whatever but it's really dangerous and irresponsible of them. Zoom has taken over everything now and has become quite the meme. I have been on Zoom for classes and to catch up with groups of friends. I lead a companion group and I zoom them every week instead of meeting in person. Most people are complaining about their parents and how they "absolutely need to move out" but I really don't have an issue with my family, it's nice to be able to see them. I remember thinking at the beginning of this mess that it wouldn't be a problem and would blow over soon, but it has lasted a lot longer than I originally thought. I am really disappointed I wasn't able to take my summer class in Namibia, Africa. This time of isolation has been a great time of reflection and time for self-care. There is talk of what the next school year will do because we have no vaccine for this pandemic. I am really curious how life will be after this event, will we return to how we lived before or will we have a new form of life that we have not yet thought of?