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Coping with COVID



By Carolina Gonzalez
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This quarantine and COVID-19 are hard. We will get through this. We must stick together through all of this.

My advice to you is just wear your mask in public, and social distance, and we can stop the spread, and stop this once and for all. Let me tell you how I feel about this. It stinks. It has been going on for way too long. One month, okay, it's the worst but not horrible. I don't like to say the word but I think I have a right to say it right now. I. AM. SO. BORED. Just sitting around at home is not fun! I'm doing crafts and activities at home and spending time with my family, but I miss going out and seeing people. I never really realized until now how much I enjoy seeing people and going places. I HATE THIS!



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'The Hate U Give' Tackles Tough Issues



By Allison Lusthaus
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The Hate U Give is one of the most powerful books I have ever read.

Starr Carter is a 16-year-old who witnesses a white police officer shoot her unarmed black best friend. Starr lives in Garden Heights an almost all-black neighborhood, and goes to a private school almost an hour away just to get away from the gangs, drugs, and violence in her hometown.



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My Favorite Paintings Of 2020 (So Far)



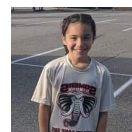
By Jack LaRocca
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2020 is a year full of new experiences, world-wide pandemics, mass protests, cancelled sports, closed restaurants, and overwhelming isolation.

Each of these has brought emotions people have likely never felt before and has led us to discover new things about ourselves. With these new feelings, people have flocked to art to express what's on their mind. New kinds of sculptures, paintings, and drawings are being made every day because of the extreme changes occurring in people's lives. Today, we will bring to light the greatest pieces of art made in this wild year of 2020.

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What Will School Look Like This Fall?



By Savannah Piazza
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When the virus started and we had to leave school in March, we never knew it would last this long. Now that school is starting again, we never thought it would be this way.

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10 Things to Do In Quarantine!



By Phillip Rosado
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Are you feeling bored? Is this quarantine making you feel like there is nothing to do? This list of "10 Things To Do In Quarantine" might help.

1. Learn a new instrument. For example, if you never played before, try something like the guitar. If you have played, try something harder, like viola, violin, piano, and cello.

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I wanted to get other people's opinions for two reasons; one: I want to see if it's just me who doesn't like being stuck at home. And two: I wanted to see how people were coping with quarantine and what they were doing to keep busy. First, I asked my dad, Ramon Gonzalez what he thought, and he said, "I feel very sorry for the people who have lost their loved ones because of COVID-19 and I am very fortunate that my family is healthy." I agree with him I am very lucky that no one in my family has gotten the CORONAVIRUS.

Next, I asked my mom, Paula Gonzalez what was on her mind she said, "the virus has made me realize that I have to appreciate the little things in life." I too have realized the same thing.

My grandmother, Roseanne Cristofalo said "these are very sad times, but we just have to follow the rules and social distance." that was a very good point.

My grandfather, Pasquale Cristofalo says, "you have to accept what life gives you and you should take this time to get closer with your family." I am getting much closer with my family during quarantine.

My mom's friend, Laurie Verdi told me; "I am trying to be positive; I am exercising daily and making sure that I am finding time for things that are important to me." these people all said really inspiring things and I can learn and follow them.



I have gone to King Kone and two restaurants. King Kone has taken away some of their benches and everyone is supposed to wear masks. They are also making sure that you stay six feet apart on the line. At restaurants, everyone is wearing masks and gloves. They are also making sure that you know that they are keeping clean and safe, by cleaning the tables in front of you. They are doing a really good job of making sure that their guests/customers have a safe, comfortable experience. I have also gone to the nail salon. There are shields that separate the person doing your nails from the customer and you must make an appointment via phone. I hate how the world is right now and it is sad to see people wearing masks and always trying their best to stay away from you.

I think that this whole thing is sad, and I want to go back to school this year. If we do, I know that it will be weird. They are thinking about letting you have the opinion of going back to school or not and you would have to wear a mask. I'm sure that you will have to social distance and we probably wouldn't be able to have lunch/recess like normal. Again, it is sad, and I really hope that this will all end soon but for now we must follow the rules; social distance, wear your mask in public and don't go to too many places.

Like one of the people I interviewed said, you must be grateful for our family and for the things that are important. Be grateful and don't take anything for granted.

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2. Play in your pool. Playing in a pool is great, because you can work out AND have fun. If you do not have a pool, try playing football or soccer in the sprinkler.

3. Online meetings with friends. If you have Duo, House Party, or Zoom, try to get a few friends and chat, see how they are doing, and have fun.

4. Play Badminton. Badminton is a game like Tennis, but you do not need to have a concrete floor, you play in the air with a net.

5. Try a puzzle book. One of the puzzle books I like is **Highlights Ultimate Puzzle Challenge Link here** --> <https://m.media-amazon.com/images/I/61mriClgJpL.SL350.jpg>

6. Have a Barbeque. Barbeques are fun, and you can have burgers, steak, and hot dogs.

7. Go through your attic, or closet. If you have lived in your house in a long time, you may forget where things are, so if you go through you attic or closet, you can find it (I was looking for my cat's scratching post, and I found my old remote control car!)

8. Read books. Some great series I found interesting are The Boxcar Children, and Diary Of A Wimpy Kid.

9. Play with a pet. If you have a pet like a dog or a cat, play with them and try to teach them new tricks.

10. Draw. Try Drawing Mountains, Rivers, and Scenery.



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All throughout this story, Starr is challenged with different fears and obstacles. She does not know how to speak out, or whether she should.



This story introduces a different perspective to racism and police brutality.

Angie Thomas wrote *The Hate U Give* and I admire her writing style. You can really feel what the characters are going through. She shows emotions in such a different way than most books.

I would highly recommend this book to anyone interested in reading about racial injustice and criminal investigation. Here is a trailer to the movie version of the book:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3MM80kVT0hw>

Top 3 Paintings

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A piece made by Niki de Saint Phalle. Although this piece was started in 2019, it is finally being brought to people's attention in 2020 due to the museum show its being hosted in this year. This piece was expertly made with this specific photo in mind. The artist used the black and white photo to make the main component of the piece, (the colorful monument) stand out. With the way the people are facing, it makes it look like the people in the photo are looking directly at it, further drawing your eyes to the

rainbow statue. The life-like shading surrounding the piece also helps the colorful object look almost, realistic.



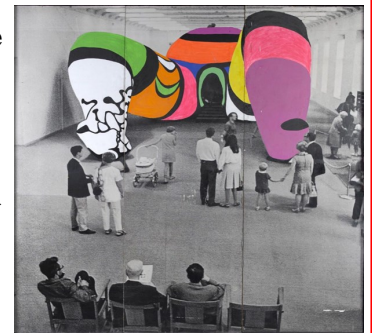
This is a piece made by Nicolas Party. This was made to showcase the beauty of treetops, and in that it succeeded. The calming aesthetic com-



binated with the melancholy colors makes things such as the pink tree and the bright sky stand out. This piece could also have been made with the longing for the out-

doors in mind, due to the pandemic keeping people strictly inside.

A piece made by Farid Rueda. This is a mural made to advertise the Adidas that had been newly created in New Mexico. The mural's unique look was inspired by much Mexican culture and art. In a normal seeming area like this, exciting murals are made to bright up the area, and bring smiles to anyone who has the fortunate chance of seeing them.



School

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While we wait for Governor Cuomo to tell us how we can go back to school, Mr. Getman and Mrs. Mangone, our new assistant principal, told us their current plan for opening on September 8th.

The current plan is for all 6th graders to attend daily, while 7th and 8th graders will alternate on an A/B schedule.

All students and staff MUST wear a mask at all times, except for lunch and organized mask breaks. Students must socially distance and stay six feet apart. Sanitizer will be available all throughout the building.

There will be no lockers and no teams this year. Students have to use a backpack and put it on their chair.



There will be an 8-period day. Students will remain with their cohort for much of the school day. Teachers will be moving locations. Stu-

dents will have all/most of their classes together.

There will not be any sports or after school activities until October 1st.

Students must wear a mask on the bus at all times.

There will be two students per seat and four students per row. Students may not take a different bus home.

At lunchtime, you may take your mask off. 7th and 8th graders will be in the café and recess. For 6th graders, 50% will be in the café/recess and 50% will eat in their classroom and have their lunch delivered if they bought it.

If the school has to go full eLearning, there is a schedule that has 4 periods a day for 40 minutes. each There are 20 minute breaks in between each period, plus a lunch break.

I will continue reporting once we receive more information from the Governor and Mr. Getman.



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