## K-12 Collection – Mission Statement

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A Journal of the Plague Year: An Archive of COVID-19

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The *Journal of the Plague Year* is a crowdsourced collection of images, videos, audio recordings, and documents that record the everyday lived experiences of the COVID-19 pandemic. It archives the quotidian response to COVID-19 in local communities around the world, allowing historians to understand and interpret the global pandemic through both personal and public perspectives. The K-12 Collection documents the daily experiences of teachers, students, administrators, and parents to provide historical insight into the unprecedented number of campus closures and display the efforts made by educators to offer quality learning at a distance, reflecting the central concerns of society in the midst of a pandemic.