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Please reflect on the readings/activities related to what is an archive? What is the JOTPY archive and whose history is it preserving?

This week's readings/activities are a great foundation for the weeks ahead. The goal of an archive such as JOTPY is to swiftly collect data, stories, and all we can during Covid-19 to preserve it for future generations. It is wonderful that historians see the importance of quick responses to historical events and use the new technologies available to us.

This week was pretty good. I was worried that during the time I was out of school, the JOTPY archives would have changed so drastically that it would all seem unfamiliar. I spent time catching up in SLACK. I went over my notes from this summer. Added a few things to the archives. Overall, it seems I am just missing small details that have changed. Like specific contributors and collections. I was so happy to meet the new group of interns and I was very happy to see that Clinton will still be working on the archives for oral history. He is pretty great.

I am particularly excited about the deathways collection. I think this collection will be extremely important. I look forward to learning about it. But I think this grieving world will need a place to put some of this pain. Perhaps it will be useful in the remembrance of the people we lost.

I am glad to be back and to finish what I started out to do.