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COVID-19 Internet Archive Assignment

I am giving all students the option to replace one rolling exam question with the following assignment. If you want to opt out of an examination question (or fail to complete it) one week, you can do this instead. If you do all of the examination questions and this assignment, I will drop your lowest grade.

You can do this assignment any time—in fact, the sooner the better! But I will not accept any assignments after December 4.

Instructions:

1. Watch the short video "What is an archive?"
   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=URhWOKyve-I

2. Read the following article about a crowdsourced COVID-19 digital archive: Tom Beazley, Victoria Cain, and Rebecca A. Wingo, "Archiving a Plague Year: Building a Crowdsourced Digital Archive of COVID-19," *Perspectives on History*, June 29, 2020. https://www.historians.org/publications-and-directories/perspectives-on-history/summer-2020/archiving-a-plague-year-building-a-crowdsourced-digital-archive-of-covid-19

3. Familiarize yourself with the the *Journal of the Plague Year* by visiting the global pandemic map and browsing the stories: https://covid-19archive.org/s/archive/page/Share

4. Focus in on the Boston collection—read the introduction and browse the stories and the map: https://covid-19archive.org/s/Boston/page/about

5. Make your own contribution. Make sure to click the box "email my submission" so that it is sent to you, and you can send it on to me: https://covid-19archive.org/s/archive/page/Share

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