

Covid-19 Plague Journal

For this journal entry, you will write a 250-to-500-word entry about the effects of Covid-19 pandemic on your academic writing and academic goals. You can use "I" in this entry since you will be discussing in relevant detail about your experiences. For more tips, see the "Tips for Starting Your Covid 19 Journal" in the "Writing Tools" module.

Then, using an MSWord file separate your journal into three parts:

Part 1 Summary

Part 2 Analysis

Part 3 Questions and possible answers about Covid 19 and its relation to your college future.

1. Summarize the impact Covid 19 has had on your academic writing and/or your college life. Remember to use specific details such as "The Covid 19 pandemic has impacted my academic writing in the following way(s) ..." DO NOT LIST. Instead write out three or four detailed sentences about one particular experience connected to both the pandemic and your college life.

2. Write a 1-2 paragraph response analyze or explain this impact on your college goals or future. You can start your first sentence by saying "Transitioning to online classes has led me to..." or "My academic goals have changed. They now include..." Remember to use specific examples as discussed in class. Also, practice using the "window method" (See "Using Quotations" p. 863 in your textbook) if you include relevant examples from a text such as one of the short stories or poems read for class. As mentioned in class and in the text, these examples will strengthen the clarity of your writing.

3. Create two complex questions, not fact-based yes or no questions, **and possible answers** about the pandemic's academic impact. For example, you can ask "How will my online experiences help me succeed at a university?" AVOID questions like "Do you think Covid 19 will ever go away?"

Submit this reading journal by the deadline via the D2L Dropbox by 11:30 p.m. Thurs., May 14.

Make sure that your journal is at **minimum 250 words and a maximum of 500 words**. Use the counter on your MSWord document.

Tips for Starting Your Covid 19 Journal

Writer's block? Here are some tips for journaling the pandemic:

How has your academic writing been affected to the following types of situations:

- Working from home
- Changes to your routine tasks, such as grocery shopping
- The news media reports
- Your own illness or that of a family member

Include what you have been doing to keep you motivated to start and complete your school work:

- What did you do to stay in good spirits while in quarantine?
- What is your favorite music, movie or television program to stream during a pandemic?
- How did you interact with others without putting them or yourself at risk?
- If you have chosen to ignore the guidelines, what is that like?

Include thoughts about other specific situations during the pandemic:

- What have you struggled with during quarantine?
- If you are a medical care worker, what is it like?
- If your parents/guardians own or manage a business, how did the pandemic impact you as well as your parents/guardians?
- If you had to continue working on-site at your job, what changes did you have to make to your workday?
- If you became unemployed, how are you dealing with it?
- How was the pandemic presented to your children?
- How did your children react to being out of school?