

Reflection

I chose to make a video log in order to explain my experience with COVID. I thought this would be the best way for me to express my experience because it allows the future viewer to see a physical person explaining what is happening in their life. I personally love making and editing videos so this was also a fun project for me to do. I have gotten into creating short videos since COVID started. I also wanted to be able to have pictures inserted into the timeline chronologically. I created the videos all within a span of a few days but I acted as if I was speaking in real time in each clip. I did this because I wanted to portray a sense of emotion in the video. I wanted the viewer to feel something while watching the video.

I based this off of the primary sources we have read and listened to that are interviews or a person reciting their personal stories. I would directly relate this to the source 1619. That was a podcast about slavery. I am relating my primary source and that primary source because they both bring a sense of emotion. I believe that hearing a person's voice is so important for cultivating the experience. I could have typed up my experiences as a journal entry. I thought about doing this but I wanted people to be able to actually see me and hear me. I figured it would help people relate to me, especially those my own age.

I would consider this a primary source because it allows the viewer to see the immediate and direct experience a person had living through a global pandemic. I think that future students will be able to relate to my experiences and therefore put themselves in my shoes. It would hopefully teach others not to take for grant their own high school and early college experiences. This video helps showcase that life is

unexpected and to be ready for changes. I think researchers will be able to take away from the beginning part of the video the most. It would be an interesting study to see how many people thought COVID would be a big deal in the very beginning. I share how everything happened within a span of 2 weeks. I recall what I first thought of COVID when I heard of it and how I thought it would be personally effect me. I added a picture and a date of when I was still unsure about all that was happening. The picture is of my last softball captains practice. Little did we realize how different everything would look within a week.

In all, I simply wanted my primary source to showcase just a generic person's experience with a global pandemic. I want to allow others to see themselves in me and realize the emotion and how surreal everything was.