

Quarantine Stories:  
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for kids up to age 17



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**Date**

06/20/2020

**Name**

B. A.

**Age**

14

**Town**

Agawam

**Some words that describe how I feel about having to stay home are**

Stressed because I do not like online school, Frustrated because I really want to see my friends, Nervous because the news is reporting that we might not go back to the school building in the fall.

**Three things I like to spend my time doing are**

I like to spend my time drawing, playing outside with my sister, and reading.

**I am most grateful for**

I am most grateful for the time I get to spend with my family, especially when we have family game night and I get to play board games with daddy.

**The biggest change for me has been**

The biggest change for me is having online school, not leaving my house, and not being able to see my friends until maybe high school. Another big change that I am now trying to adjust to is being asked to wear a mask. I really struggle with keeping it on, but I will wear it if that allows me to freely go out and socialize with people.

**My favorite activity to do inside is**

My favorite activity to do inside is to watch funny movies with my family.

## The three things I'm most excited to do when this is over are

The three things I'm most excited about doing once this is over is going shopping at the mall, being back in school, and not wearing a mask.

## Draw a picture about how you feel being at home

- [Feeling-Girl.jpg](#)



COME  
ON  
CORONA!!

**Date**

06/21/2020

**Name**

R. A.

**Age**

14

**Town**

Agawam

**Some words that describe how I feel about having to stay home are**

Somewhat unhappy, but open-minded to the change, and very nervous for the upcoming school year because I feel like I missed the ending of my 8th grade year being out of the school building.

**Three things I like to spend my time doing are**

Spending time with my family, taking my dog for long walks, and reading.

**I am most grateful for**

I am most grateful for starting a quarantine journal with my mother. Each day since the start of the pandemic, we have wrote back and forth as a way to check in on how we felt personally that day, even though we were in the same house. This was very helpful because there were times, I wasn't able to express my feelings verbally because we saw each other enough. So it was nice to also put it done in writing and reply each day.

**The biggest change for me has been**

The biggest change for me has been the virtual learning. There were times before this when I would ask to be home schooled, but this experience has changed my mind. I would rather be in the school building with teachers and with my friends.

**My favorite activity to do inside is**

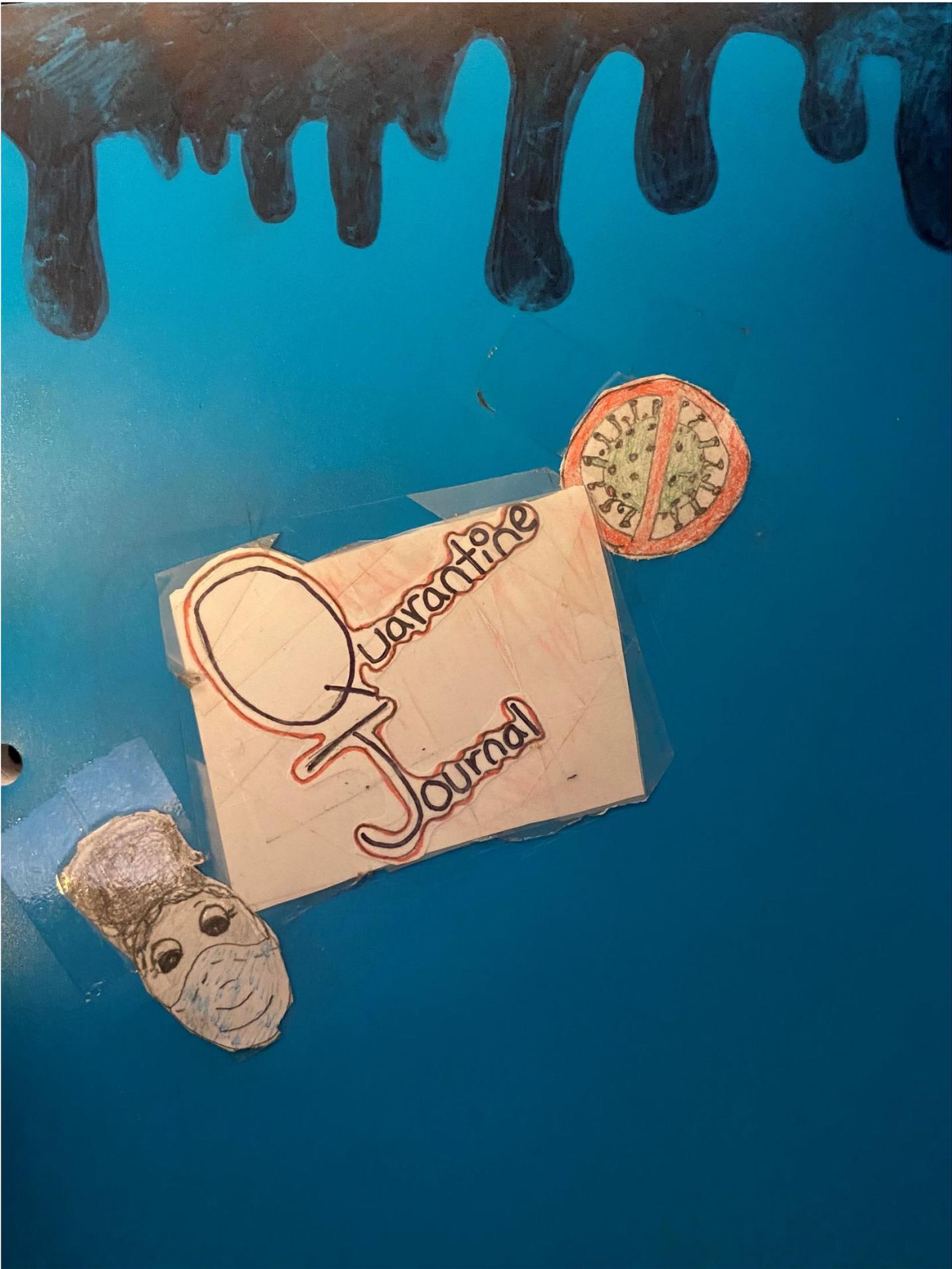
My favorite activity to do inside during this quarantine, would be pretending to be my mother's secretary. It was a made up job position for me, my first job, while she taught her student's virtually, I would assist with getting the materials, filing any paperwork, and cleaning up her work space when she was done each day.

### **The three things I'm most excited to do when this is over are**

When this is all over, I will be most excited to play sports on a team, go shopping with my family, and hang out with my cousins at their house again.

### **Draw a picture about how you feel being at home**

- [Quarantine-Journal.jpg](#)



**Date**

06/21/2020

**Name**

Z. M.

**Age**

11

**Town**

Agawam

**Some words that describe how I feel about having to stay home are**

Sad, unfortunate, unbelievable.

**Three things I like to spend my time doing are**

During the Quarantine, I've been spending time with friends and family on video calls like google meets and FaceTime calls, I've been listening and making music, and I've also been making and playing video games.

**I am most grateful for**

My family, friends, teachers, and everyone else that I've known in my life. You guys have made my lifetime the best one I've ever enjoyed in the world.

**The biggest change for me has been**

Being home. Yet I'm not able to see you guys all in person, I'm still able to see you all virtually. Another reason why this was a big change is because being home during the pandemic actually made me learn to do big collaborations online on a website called Scratch. This was all a big change for me, and it will be for the rest of my entire life.

**My favorite activity to do inside is**

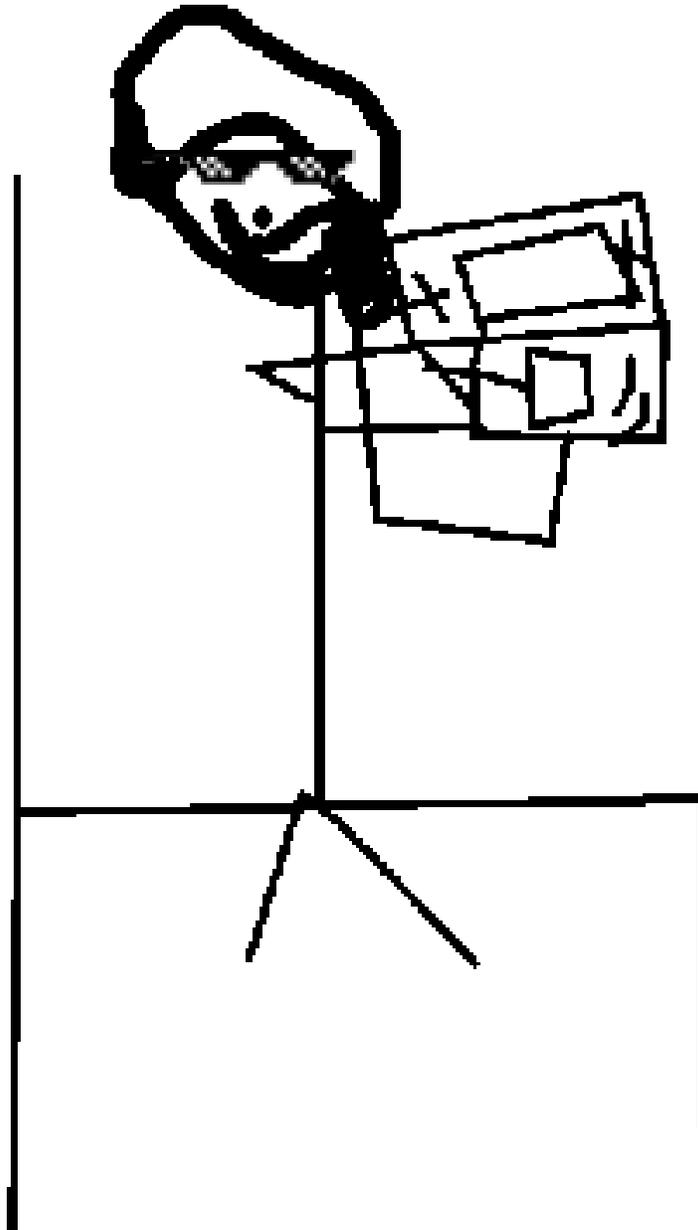
Either coding, listening to music, making music, or playing video games.

**The three things I'm most excited to do when this is over are**

See my friends at school again, release new Scratch games, and celebrate my birthday.

**Draw a picture about how you feel being at home**

- [How-I-Feel-Bout-The-Pandemic.png](#)



04/30/2020

**Name**

M. P.

**Age**

11

**Town**

Agawam

**Some words that describe how I feel about having to stay home are**

Bored, depressed, and discouraged without school.

**Three things I like to spend my time doing are**

Reading, playing with my animals, and FaceTiming my friends and family.

**I am most grateful for**

Healthcare workers and police officers

**The biggest change for me has been**

Not being able to see my friends and family, and not having schools open.

**My favorite activity to do inside is**

Read a comic book

**The three things I'm most excited to do when this is over are**

I am excited to go back to school, see my friends and family, and have a band concert.



**Date**

04/30/2020

**Name**

J. S.

**Age**

16

**Town**

Westfield

**Some words that describe how I feel about having to stay home are**

Disappointed, I miss being with other people.

**Three things I like to spend my time doing are**

Riding my bike, listening to music, playing games.

**I am most grateful for**

Family.

**The biggest change for me has been**

Not being able to go to places like movies, museums, beaches, libraries, or church.

**My favorite activity to do inside is**

Watching movies.

**The three things I'm most excited to do when this is over are**

Doing fun activities like going to the movies, seeing people, and going to the beach/vacation.

**Date**

04/30/2020

**Name**

D. V.

**Age**

16

**Town**

Agawam

**Some words that describe how I feel about having to stay home are**

Sad, boring, interesting

**Three things I like to spend my time doing are**

playing basketball outside, reading, taking bike rides

**I am most grateful for**

my family being safe

**The biggest change for me has been**

there is no school for the rest of the year

**My favorite activity to do inside is**

playing video games

**The three things I'm most excited to do when this is over are**

seeing my friends, visiting the library, going out anywhere I want

**Date**

04/30/2020

**Name**

G. R. G.

**Age**

14

**Town**

Agawam

**Some words that describe how I feel about having to stay home are**

Bored, Anxious, Stressed

**Three things I like to spend my time doing are**

Gaming with friends, Going on trampoline, Taking walks

**I am most grateful for**

Food, Warmth, My dog

**The biggest change for me has been**

My sleep schedule

**My favorite activity to do inside is**

Gaming with friends

**The three things I'm most excited to do when this is over are**

Have friends over, Go out to eat, Go to school



**Date**

04/24/2020

**Name**

S. B.

**Age**

17

**Town**

West Springfield

**Some words that describe how I feel about having to stay home are**

Staying at home after being out so much has left me feeling confined because we are. But for a good reason. Another word that comes to mind is blessed because we are safe and healthy. I also miss my friends and family who don't live close by, but I know that they care about me and still love me, even when I can't be with them face to face. It's also hard to believe that the whole world is going through the same thing we are, so it's nice to know we are not going through this alone.

**Three things I like to spend my time doing are**

I enjoy painting, reading, and working out during quarantine. I ran out of canvases, so I've started painting on my dresser drawers. So far, I painted lemons and strawberries.

I have been reading romance novels like Dear John and The Lucky One by Nicholas Sparks and I've started reading the Twilight series. I don't know what I would do without books. I don't have a phone, so they are basically my only form of entertainment.

I've also been exercising more than before corona time. I'm doing a 25-day challenge and working out with my dad in the garage because he set up a small gym. I've been sore, but hopefully, all the hard work will pay off for summer (if all of this is over by then).

**I am most grateful for**

I am most grateful for my family and friends. I would be so lonely without them. It gets a bit stressful at times with all of us being around each other constantly, but we still enjoy it. They are my family so I love them no matter what.

My friends have been great this whole time. I'm also very grateful for google hangouts so I can stay in contact with them (because I don't have a phone). I'm also just grateful to be alive at this point. So many have been lost to this virus and I am thankful to have my life and the people that make it worth living.

### **The biggest change for me has been**

The biggest change for me has been switching to online college classes. I started dual enrollment at HCC last fall. It's a great opportunity. It helps me to get the pre-requisites out of the way and saves my family money. It's been strange to have a class through Zoom. I've been homeschooled since 3rd grade, so I'm used to doing my school work online, but I was used to college classes being a lecture style.

### **My favorite activity to do inside is**

My favorite activity to do inside is watching movies as a family. Our family used to have a family movie night on Friday nights, but now it's every night, so I love being able to sit and spend time with my family and all laugh together.

### **The three things I'm most excited to do when this is over are**

I am very excited to get my permit and drive once quarantine is over. I am also excited to see my friends and spend time with them :)

**Date**

04/24/2020

**Name**

A. E.

**Age**

13

**Town**

Agawam

**Some words that describe how I feel about having to stay home are**

Annoyed, Tired, Confused, I feel as if I am turning into a robot from being on a screen all day from school to my Kung fu classes

**Three things I like to spend my time doing are**

Playing soccer, Singing, Writing

**I am most grateful for**

My family, I got stuck in quarantine with my extended family as well as my inside family.

**The biggest change for me has been**

Not having soccer 3 times a week

**My favorite activity to do inside is**

Write my book, Juggle my soccer ball

**The three things I'm most excited to do when this is over are**

Play soccer, Hang out with friends, Go out to stores and restaurants