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## Covid-19 Journal

This is Emmalie Lovett's journal and I am originally from Cartersville Georgia and I have been here my whole life. I go to Jacksonville State University to get a degree in nursing. During my freshmen year sadly, it got cut short. The pandemic took over most of the state including Alabama and made everyone go back home. I have been home since March and been doing my classes online. It has not been easy having all my classes online but I have gotten so use it now it does not matter, but I am ready to go back to school.

### March 30th

This Monday was not easy for me to get back into the hang of things. This week was the first week back after spring break and not having to do any work was great. I have been home for a very long time now and being online still has not gotten any easier. I feel like I have more work to do than the day before. I had 3 classes today and they were all science classes. I had to take notes for my anatomy and physiology class and do online homework. Then I normally have a lab on Mondays, but ever since we have left school and I have done nothing for my lab class. It is just because my teacher has not figured out what to put on canvas yet. Last class of the day was human development and I had to take a test, so before I started, I had to look over my notes again. Since it has been so long since I have even seen my notes. I took a break from school and decided to go outside and get some vitamin D.

### March 31st

Tuesday morning, I had a Microsoft Team meeting with my Oral Communication class at 7:30. During this class meeting I almost fell asleep and I could pay attention that much longer. So, after my class was over, I decided to go back to sleep. After I had to answer questions about resumes for that class and fill out a form for one of the librarians at school to help the people in our class make a resume. Then I waited for my English class to start, which is at 11:00. I had to finish writing one essay, then start on another essay about The Hate You Give book. I figured after all of this I could take a break and eat lunch. My final class of the day it my history class. It is at 12:45 and normally I must watch videos and take notes like I would if I were at school. Today I only had to take a test, which I started to study for. I had to study a map like always and read up on and take notes on the rest of the documents. I think I like how the test was on Canvas more than the last test in class. Finally, after my class work was done, I had to work on getting my transcript for my scholarship for the next year. Of course, at the end of the day I sat down to eat dinner with my family and afterwards we did another Disney puzzle. I believe we have done about five puzzles with about five hundred pieces in them.

### April 1st

I thought this day would kind of be a break for me since I only have two classes, but I did more work today than I have any other day. I had more anatomy work to do and answer some more questions for my attendance grade. I found I made a 92 on my human development test. Afterwards I started working on my essay for history and found a partner for my project at the end of the semester. Her and I got together and got the bibliography out of the way. After all this was done My family decided to dress up really fancy and eat dinner together. This was the best dinner since the virus started, we laughed the whole entire time.

April 2nd

Today I woke up to my mother walking around the outside of my house in an inflatable giraffe suit to try and scare my dogs. Her plan did not really work, so I just decided to start on my schoolwork. I did not have a lot of work for the day, just some history homework. I got distracted and started looking at tennis shoes because I want some for my birthday. When I finally finished my work, I took my dogs out for a walk. It was such a nice day outside today and so warm. It was great to end the day roasting marshmallows in the new fire pit my family and I made on Sunday. We also played soccer and I got hit in the shin, so I will not be surprised if I wake up with a bruise on my leg.

April 3rd

This day was pretty laid back for me. I did not have a lot of work to do for my classes and the only schoolwork I had to do was to take my history quiz and some more work for my anatomy class. After I got done with that, I finally decided to start decorating my paddle to give to my big in my sorority. I have not had any time to work on it until now, since I will not be doing anything for the next few weeks. It took me the whole rest of the day just to paint the paddle and trace the letters on it, but the paint dries faster than I thought. I worked out in the garage so I would not get paint on anything else and I knew it was sunny outside and I was hot, but I never realized that I got sunburnt. I never realized until I laid down and my back was burning.

April 4th

My mom and sister think if my sister and I do not have homework to do then it is a good time to do work around the house. Even last week my family and I put together a fire pit in a day, just because my mom wanted to roast marshmallows. So today my sister wanted to tear down the porch that is on the side of the house and that took the whole entire day to finish. We started tearing down the railing. Then we stopped because my mom wanted to clean out the shed and throw stuff away. There was so much crap in that shed and we even found a dead rat. When that was finally done, we got back to the rest of the porch and it was so old and rotten down that I just kicked half of the baseboards down. I was so happy when that was over because those boards were a lot heavier than I thought.

April 5th

Since it is Sunday my family and I get up to watch my church sermon on the TV until we can go back to church. After that was over, I had homework that was due today, so I started to get a jump on that and do any other work that I could get done. As I was working, I had to stop because I had to help my sister and dad take the wood from the porch and an old grill to the dump. I was not happy about that because I really wanted to get my work done, but when we got to the dump it was closed because of everyone just cropping off random crap. These past few days I feel like I have been going nonstop and I just want time to relax.

April 6th

Just like every other Monday I have gotten up to do my homework. Well I tried to do my homework but instead I was not in the mood and I just waited till later to start on a few things. I have been in my house way too long. I do not like watching tv as much anymore. I tried dragging my sister to come outside and do something with me, because we cannot leave the house until the 13th unless it is to get food. The only way my sister would go outside with me was if I let her try

and braid my hair. Well I did and she cannot braid at all, so instead we played outside with her dog and tried to play hide and seek with him. We actually got her dog to hide behind a tree and the only other thing we were able to do today was walk. My sister and I walked 3 miles that night.

April 7th

Tuesday was just like every other Tuesday since I have been sheltered in my house. I have not left my house in almost a month now, so everything starts to look the same way. I still have homework to do and the only work I know I really must do on Tuesdays is my history. I get up and never really start working on my homework until lunch time so I can be more productive, and I decided to do my work outside since it was such a pretty day. After I got my work done, I was able to get my sister out of the house. By out of the house I mean just going to the front or back yard. We went out to the front yard and just played with her dog and after that like every day I ate dinner with my family.

April 8th

It took me all day long to finish my anatomy homework. It normally does not take me all day, but I got interrupted by my sister and had to go help plant the new plants my mom bought. That took us a good amount of time and I kept thinking that everyday my mom keeps on buying new plants because she is bored. I was also thinking I am not sure what more work we could do around the house just because my mom is bored. It did not have a lot of homework leftover, so I just sat in my room for the rest of the day and watched Netflix. I even made a sandwich and took it back to my room for dinner.

April 9th

Today my family and I planted more plants around the house and tried to find more things to do, but I think we have done everything we could do at the house. It is hard trying to find new things around the house to do and not be bored. Planting has become boring after the 3rd day in a row when you bring plants home. I swear my house may not look like it, but I feel like the whole house is covered in plants. Finally, my sister and I were done planting and I hurried inside, so hopefully I would not have to plant anything else. It took all day to finish planting and after that I was so tired, I did not want to do anything else except for sleep and that is what I did.

April 10th

Just like the past Fridays I did not have a lot of work to do, so I did some other work to get those out of the way. I did have to do a history quiz and finished more work for anatomy. After all of that I took a break from work and just watched some movies. My mom and I got out our old Wii and decided to play a few games. It was a good idea for us to do something new and we always laugh when we play the Wii for some reason. We played for the rest of the day and never got bored.

April 11th

My sister and I were finally able to get out of the house and were able to go kayaking instead of just getting out of the house to get food. My dad let me, my sister and both of our boyfriends be together and get out of the house. So, we decided to go kayaking on the Etowah

river. I have not been kayaking in so long, so I knew I might fall behind on paddling. In the beginning we all just floated and attached ourselves to each other so we would be together. I was not that far behind the other while paddling, but when we paddled off to the side, I think the water pushed my kayak and I got stuck by a huge tree limb. My kayak almost went up under this tree, so I had to lean to the other side trying not to tip over, but instead my leg got stuck in the tree. We finally got out of that area and realized we have been floating way too long and need to start paddling more. I think we paddle for a solid hour or so and I think all together we were on the water for about 5 hours maybe. It was such a great day to be out of the house and I was glad we were able to have that chance.

April 12th

Today is Easter and I did not do any homework. I tried getting all my work done before then or starting on some homework a little early to get it out of the way. I woke up like I normally do on Easter and say good morning to my family then go look at my Easter basket. I know I am a freshman in college, but I like when the "Easter bunny" comes and leaves stuff in my basket. This year was a little different of course because my family and I could not go to church, instead we watched the sermon on television and my preacher did a great job. It was also different when I could not be with the rest of my family we normally celebrate with because after church and lunch we normally hunt Easter eggs and play baseball in my front yard. Instead this year my family and I made a Happy Easter sign and put all our names on it to show my grandfather who lives in a nursing home and who we cannot see until this virus is gone. We got to talk to him through a window and we facetimes my aunt so her family could also be there with us. It brought me so much joy to see him, but it was also because all I wanted to do is give him a big hug. After all of this we just went back home and relaxed for the rest of the day.

April 13th

Today of course I had some anatomy homework to do and I was completely done with my anatomy lab and my human development class. So, I did not have much to do for the rest of the day. I got Zaxby's for lunch today so it would be different from chick fil a. My mom and I decided to go on a walk and take the dogs. It felt nice to go and be outside for a little bit. It started to rain though so we had to cut our walk short. When we got home, we all ate dinner and played some board games. My mom, my sister and I played monopoly and I lost because my mom took all my money.

April 14th

I got all my work for the day done and all the work that is due on Wednesday because that day is my birthday. I was packed full of work for the whole day and worked very hard in my anatomy class. It took about half of the day to finish that online work. I was also trying to get in touch with my lab teacher, because since the virus has been here, I have not been able to work on anything related to anatomy lab related. I tried explaining to my parents that the lab is part of my grade, but I cannot get my teacher to answer me, they kind of did not believe me. So once I finished all my homework I decided to take a break and go to my friend's house and tell him about how much this class is stressing me out. Also, my mom and I made a pound cake using my grandmother's recipe and it turned out well.

April 15th

Today is my birthday and I being so excited to be 19!! My sister took me to get Starbucks and then I got to open the gifts I got from my parents. I got a nice purse and a cup that has my sorority letters on it. I also got chick-fil-a rewards from one of my best friends because she knows I eat there all the time and my other best friend took to coconuts to get ice cream. My mom said I had to meet her there because of social distance but she wanted to drive me, so I just drove to her house. After that, these two girls in my sorority that I became good friends with drove to my house with balloons and a pig cupcake for my birthday. I was so happy to see them because I have not seen them since we left school. At the end of the day my mom tried to be sneaky, but I found out our friends are coming over and my boyfriend and his family are coming over to sit outside and use our new fire pit. It was a really great day, even though it was in quarantine I still got to spend it with some great people.

April 16th

Sadly, I had to get back to my schoolwork today. Again, it was only history, so I only had to watch a few videos. I did not have a lot to do today, so I ate lunch and then watched the videos and spent the rest of my day outside. It was such a pretty day outside and It felt so good to lay out in the sun. It is good to get a change of scenery even if that means you leave your room and go out in the yard. I just sat outside and played with my dogs. I did not go back inside until it was time to eat and then I watched Netflix until I fell asleep.

April 17th

This little girl who I babysit has a birthday tomorrow and her mom invited us to come over and watch this new movie with her. They have a big blow up screen in their backyard and some of their other friends in the neighborhood came over to watch the movie Trolls World Tour. Trolls is one of her favorite things and she waited so long for this movie to come out for her birthday. Before all that fun though I had to take my anatomy lab final and I made an 86. I was happy about my grade, So I went to eat dinner so we could head over and watch the movie. It took us forever to get the movie to play, but once it did everyone was sitting in the backyard waiting. It ended around almost 11'oclock. It was a cute movie, but I would only watch it again for that little girl. Everyone left and went home, but I had to take my boyfriend home and help him make his bed. I was finally able to go home, and I just went to sleep.

April 18th

Today is one of my favorite little girl's birthdays and she turns 7 today. She has grown up so much and it is crazy to think how fast time goes by. Honestly, I thought she was only 6 but I think I would rather her just go back to being little because she had the cutest little chubby cheeks. We got to give her gift and she was super excited to have more clothes for her doll. It's been cray having birthdays during this quarantine, but I know we won't let that stop us from making them fun. After we stopped at their house my family and I went back home to eat dinner and watch a movie.

April 19th

Just like the Sundays in the past, I have gotten up with my family to watch our preacher preach the sermon. It is still weird not actually being at church, but I know once this is all over everyone will be back at church. Once the service is over, I normally start on some homework, but I did not have a lot of work to do so I just decided to go outside and lay in the sun. Some

days have felt so nice there is no way someone can sit inside. I am ready for everything to open back up again, so I can go sit at a pool.

April 20th

I woke up and immediately started working on my history assignment. I am working on a short story with a few girls in my class. It seemed to be very easy because we got to make up the story. It had to be about a slave though and how his or her journey through life was. I did a little of my part and decided to take a break and get lunch and come back and the rest later. I ended up doing more little things around the house and after dinner finished the rest of my part of the story.

April 21st

Today was just the same as all the other days since I have been in quarantine. I did my history work and had to finish a project for that class. During the day I had to deal with this girl in my class that thought she could get on the same project as my partner and me. My partner and I already did the bibliography for the project, but we put her name on that and said sure you can be with us, but you must help write the story. The story had to be from 5-6 pages, and we figured each person could write 2 pages. We all had time to write our part of the story, but that one girl did not do hers. So, my partner and I decided to take her name off the project. This girl thought we were going to do the project for her, and she was wrong. After all that was over, I went to my boyfriend's house for dinner.

April 22nd

I barely have any work left to do and all I really have left are finals. I have 3 finals all together, which is not that bad and my first one was easy, and I was very proud of the grade I got. It was in my human development class and I made a 96. I just hope my other finals go like that. I never really did anything for the rest of the day. I did get chick fil a for lunch today and I had burgers for dinner.

April 23rd

I surprisingly had no history work to do today and I was a little shocked and I all worked on my essay for English. My mom and I wanted to start the Mandalorian since we have never watched it. So, we started the first episode and were not big fans of it, we never even finished that episode. Instead we watched Marry Poppins. The original one with Julie Andrews not the new one. It was just a calm relaxing day. After that I decided to start working on the back of this paddle I bought. I finally figured out what I wanted to paint on it. For dinner I got to go to one of my favorite places and I saw one of my good friends who works there. I have not seen her in so long, so it was really nice to see her again.

April 24th

I was able to spend the day doing nothing. I got up like I normally do and went to go get lunch. Normally my mom hates for me to go out and get lunch but most of the time it is Chick fil a, so normally she will want it. Most of the time I can use the app that I have for chick fil a and redeem my points. We had some friends come over for dinner and we sat outside and roasted marshmallows. After that I went to my boyfriend's house and hung out with his family.

April 25th

My family has decided that we have not done enough projects around the house I guess, so working on the side driveway will be fun. We have a gravel sideway on the side of our actual driveway and there are old pieces of wood on the side that need to go. So, my dad and I went to another Lowes because the one closest to us was packed out with people. When we got to Lowes it was packed out with people too, but we got what we needed. When we got home, we started digging up the dirt and had to break the old wood so we could get to the nails. I have never seen nails this long but come to find out my grandfather made them and it took us a long time to get those out of the ground. We ended up having to get new nails, so we stopped and decided to eat dinner.

April 26th

I woke up like every other Sunday and watched my preacher preach the sermon. For the past few weeks, he has been preaching out of the book of Acts in the bible. He has done a very good job preaching live. After we got lunch and my family had to go to Lowes again and we started working on the side driveway again. It took us until about 6 o'clock or so to finish. It looks really good now and almost brand new. All we need now is new gravel on top. Once we got done, we went inside and had some dinner and started talking about how we are going to build the porch back. We all ended up watching a movie together in the living room.

April 27th

I woke up and I really thought I was going to take my history test today because the last day to take the test is tomorrow. So, I wanted to get it out of the way, but I must wait until tomorrow for it to be unlocked. I had to clean my hamsters cage today so I took care of that so I could get some lunch. Of course, I had chick fil a and I had to eat that before my zoom meeting today. Once that was over, I needed to change my taillight, I have been putting it off for a few days now, but I decided it was finally time to take care of it. I went to my boyfriend's house afterwards and ate dinner with his family.

April 28th

I woke up very early for some reason today and when I looked at my phone it was only 7 something and I never wake up that early. So, I went back to sleep, and my alarm went off at 9:45 because I had a Microsoft meeting and when I woke up, I realized I did not actually have to do the meeting. After all of that I had to get ready and go to my church to help my mom get things together and put up in the right places. Today I had to take my anatomy and history final. I took my anatomy final first and I made a 96. I was very pleased with that grade. I just finished my history final and I just hope that I did well on it. I went to go hang out with my friends for a bit because today is a great day to be outside and soak up the sun. I had to come home because of a zoom meeting with my sorority. It was kind of sad because all the seniors are leaving but also sweet because I miss seeing these people. It was finally dinner time and my mom made chicken. I would say today was a pretty good day.