



## Telling Our Stories: Western's Response to COVID-19

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### Story contribution

Covid-19 has had more of an impact than I initially thought. I remember when classes were first put online and we were sent home, back in March of 2020. My friends and I all felt that it would just be a few weeks. Cut to February 2021, almost an entire year later, and it feels like April 2020. Covid put an abrupt halt to many lives, including my own. First it was all fun and games, I'd spend all day playing video games, watching movies. But, it dragged on and on. Eventually, I found myself bored with games and the tv, just wishing to go out again. The switch to online learning was a similar experience. At first, it wasn't a big deal, I actually do fairly well with online learning. However, as time ticked on, and the days dragged on, the same routine day in and day out, it became a struggle. Even on days with less work I felt drained by it all. Luckily, I've been thankful enough to be able to move in with two great roommates who have been keeping things interesting. Unfortunately, one of my roommates and myself are both high risk and as a result, are hardly able to do anything. They were lucky enough to find remote employment while I, on the other hand, am unemployed. Covid has also separated lots of friends and family. I'm very grateful because I have access to technology that has kept my friends and family in touch with each other. Despite all the struggles that Covid has brought, from unemployment and online learning to struggling with being away from friends and family, there have also been some benefits to Covid. I've discovered some new hobbies, such as working out and learning new skills like nunchucks and juggling. I've also been able to focus on old hobbies, such as reading and playing instruments. While Covid has caused disorder and distressed, for me, it's also given me time to discover new things and indulge myself in the things I love.

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