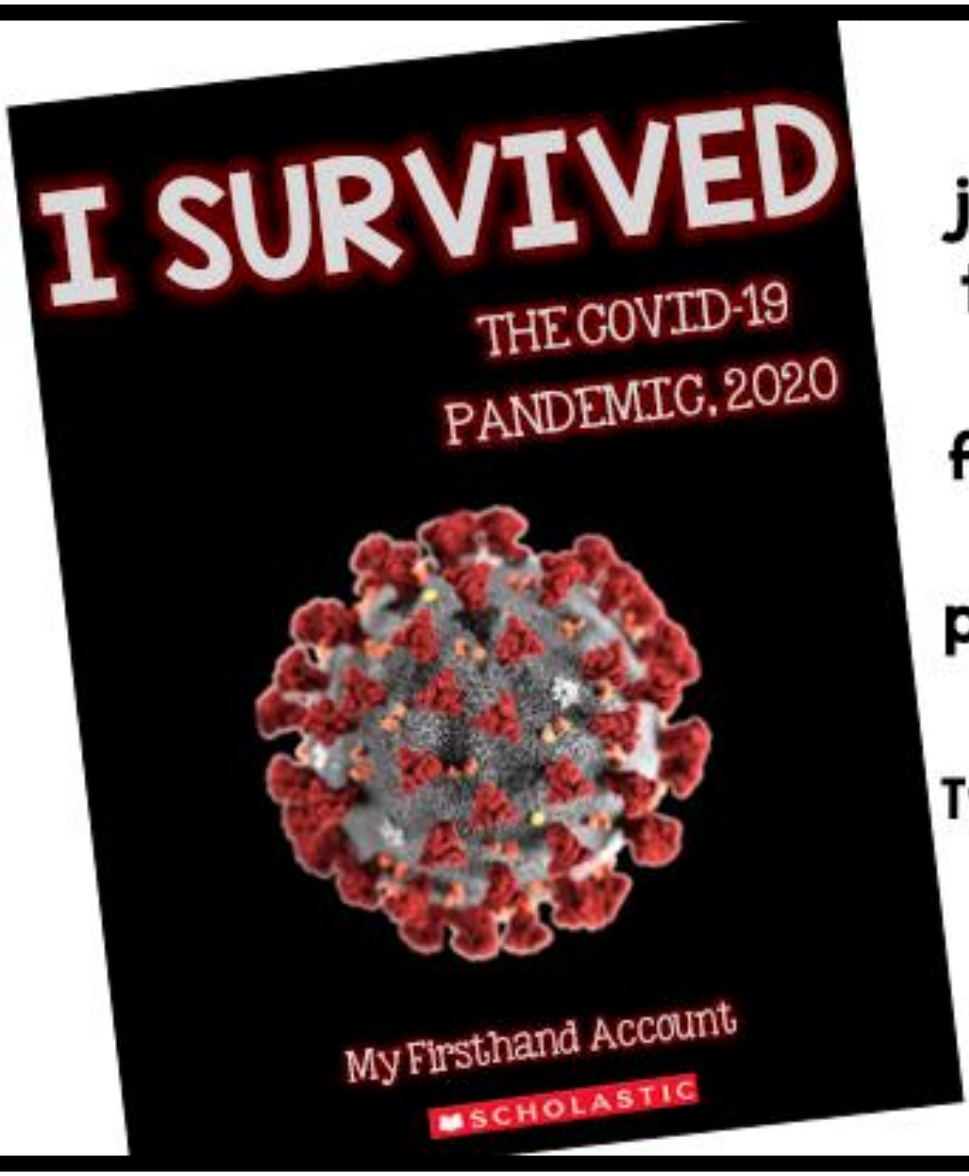


A series of journal prompts to allow students to capture their firsthand account of the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020

Two formats included:

- ✓ Paper/pencil
- ✓ Google Classroom (digital learning)

Please click on the attached links to access the journal prompts. You will be prompted to make a copy. Journal prompts by chapter are linked on the following page, with a paper/pencil version to follow.

Journal Prompts - Google Docs

Journal Prompts - Google Slides

To share with students on Google Classroom, attach the Google slides or doc as a new assignment. Make sure you select "Make a copy for each student."

Journal Prompts by Chapter (links to Google Docs)

*When did you first hear about COVID-19? What were your thoughts?

*Think back to your last "normal" day before everything changed due to COVID-19. What was it like?

*How did you react when you first heard school would be closed for two weeks? What were your thoughts?

*What was your first "school day" at home like? Who was there with you? What did you have to do? How did you feel?

*What have you done while being stuck at home for entertainment?

*What do the words **quarantine** and **social distancing** mean to you? How have they impacted your life?

*What is a typical online learning day like now? How is it similar or different from being in a classroom?

*What do you miss about your world before COVID-19? If you could do anything right now, what would it be?

*What new responsibilities have you had while being at home?

*What are some things you have missed out on due to COVID-19? How did it make you feel?

*If you could go back in time and give yourself advice before COVID-19 ever began, what would you say?

*When you look back at your COVID-19 experience, what do you think will be the memory that stands out the most?

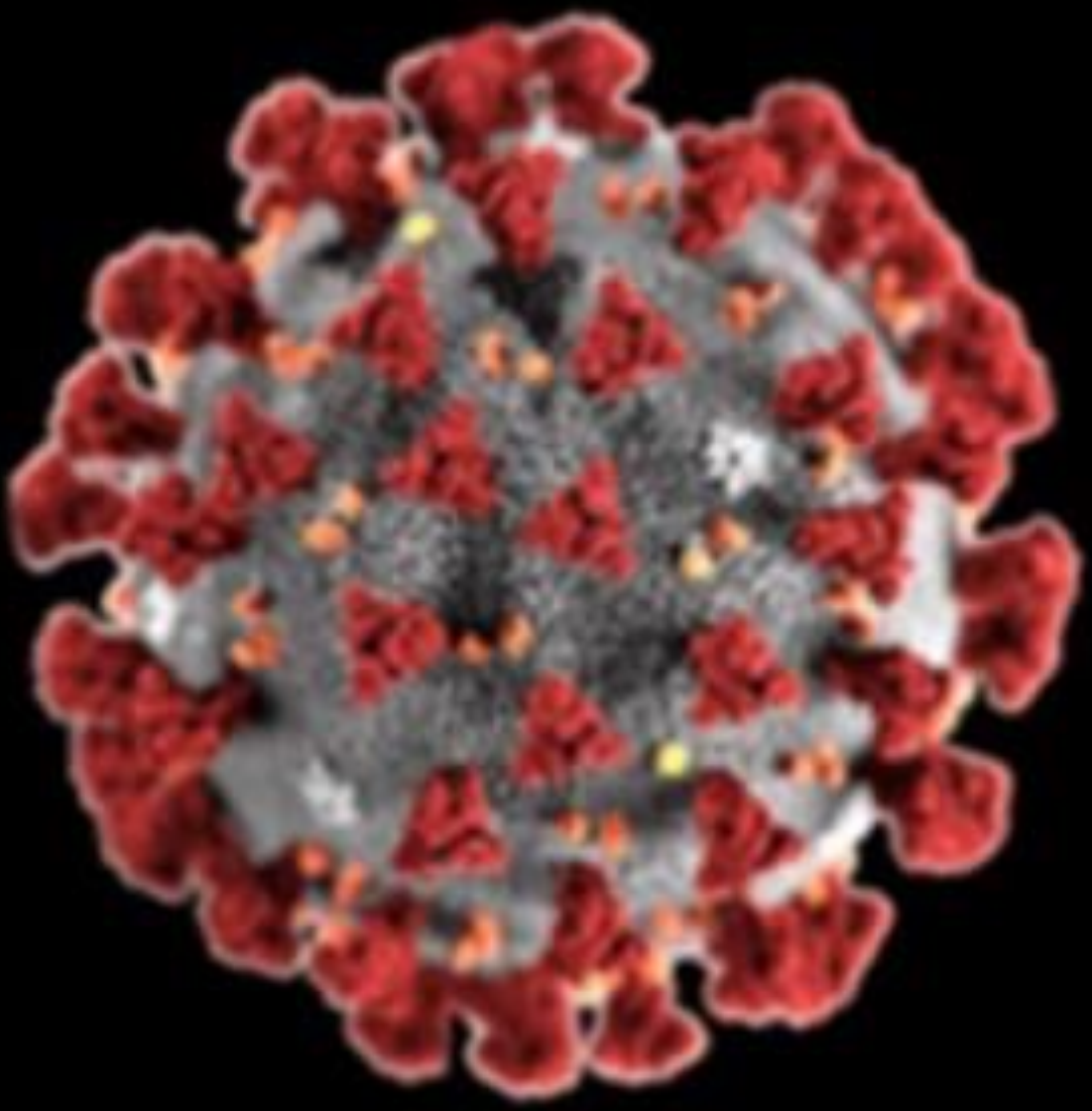
*How did you feel when you found out the restrictions were lifted? What did you want to do first?

*How is your life different now after COVID-19? What have you learned?

*Write a summary of the COVID-19 pandemic.

I SURVIVED

THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, 2020



My Firsthand Account

SCHOLASTIC

Dear students,

The "I Survived" series is an amazing set of historical fiction books that describe a fictional character living through major historical events. We are able to learn about these moments in history through firsthand accounts of various fictional characters.

A firsthand account of an event or topic is based on an author's personal experience. The author uses pronouns such as *I*, *me*, and *we* to describe the event or topic. Diaries, journals, autobiographies, and letters are all considered to be firsthand accounts and primary sources of an event.

You are now experiencing a moment in history that you will be able to give your firsthand account of. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected every area of our life and will be part of your story. COVID-19 stands for 'coronavirus disease' and is a virus that has impacted almost every country in the world.

In order to preserve your memories of this experience, you will write your own "I Survived" book through a series of journal prompt questions about the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020. Because this is your journal, feel free to be as detailed as you would like. You may include how you're feeling, dialogue, things you noticed or heard, etc.

Perhaps one day when you are an adult, you will be able to look back at your firsthand account of this experience and share it with your family. What will you tell them?

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What have you done while being stuck at home for entertainment?

Chapter 6

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Chapter 7

What is a typical online learning day like now? How is it similar or different from being in a classroom?

Chapter 8

What do you miss about your world before COVID-19? If you could do anything right now, what would it be?

Chapter 9

What new responsibilities have you had while being at home?

Chapter 10

What are some things you have missed out on due to COVID-19? How did it make you feel?

Chapter 11

If you could go back in time and give yourself advice before COVID-19 ever began, what would you say?

Chapter 12

When you look back at your COVID-19 experience, what do you think will be the memory that stands out the most?

Chapter 13

How did you feel when you found out the restrictions were lifted? What did you want to do first?

Chapter 14

How is your life different now after COVID-19? What have you learned?

Chapter 15

Write an informational summary of the COVID-19 pandemic.