

A tough year to grow up in

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This year has been pretty rough for everybody. COVID and quarantine has affected everyone in the world. I wanted to talk about how I have been personally affected not just by COVID but from this entire year.

March was pretty hard for me. I had been very stressed out with school and didn't know how to help it. Then, March 14th came and we were told that we were getting 2 weeks off of school. Everyone was happy to finally get a break. Nobody knew that it would be our last day in school. My teacher gave us packets full of work to do. It was extremely hard for me because I had to teach and test myself.

May was a good and bad month for not just me but my family. My dad had to work 3 jobs essentially. He was a firefighter, a FEMA worker, and had to work with the people deciding what to do with quarantine. He was understandably very tired with everything. My mother works in a hospital so she had to be very cautious with what she did. The good thing was that we all became closer. I also found new things that I liked. This made me very happy and luckily I had a brother to talk to.

I graduated July 8th from middle school and it was kind of lackluster. I was happy to graduate with all of my friends though. I was able to spend July by watching Anime and playing video games. August was pretty normal too. This was my last month before school started so I tried to make

the most out of it. I had to dogsit for my cousin which was amazing. At the end of the month I went to the beach one last time with my family.

September was an odd month. High school had been very hard for me at first. I made new friends faster than I thought I would. September 7th was a big day for my family. My brother turned 20 years old so we went to the aquarium. When we got home my parents went out to "get some groceries." When they came home with a little kitty instead I was so surprised. My brother has wanted a cat for a long time so this was perfect. Before I knew it October started. It's been pretty good so far but this month is almost over already.

This year has been crazy. I honestly have liked it very much because 2020 felt like a big break to me. I have still been affected but not in a horrible way. I honestly hope that everything can go back to normal in 2021.