

What's it like to be a teenager in 2020? Well, it's a unique experience, it's weird to know that you are living through historical moments. Black lives matter protests, the riots, the 2020 election, and my essay's topic, the covid pandemic. It's been a long year and it's hard to believe it will be over in 50 days. Hopefully, 2021 will be better.

When this year first started I was excited I would be a high school freshman in just a few months. Then Covid began to be talked about. But everyone thought it wasn't a problem, that it wouldn't reach here. Then it reached Italy and it hit them hard. I still think we should have started preparing right then and there. Some people hoarded soap, masks, and toilet paper of all things. Covid cases started to appear in Pennsylvania but most people still ignored the virus. Until on March 6, Tom Wolf started our quarantine. Non-essential businesses closed and school sent us home with a work packet and said we would be back in two weeks.

I think everyone was happy to be off for two weeks. But we didn't realize two weeks would turn into a month and then two months, and then the rest of the year. I was upset school would be virtual, it was the last year of middle school we should be making our final memories before highschool not stuck in the house. Everywhere was closed, and the rims were taken off the basketball courts to make sure no one could play. All we could do was sit in the house, I understood it was necessary but I wasn't happy about it.

My parents told me High School would be awesome. Its a fun time before you have to become an adult. But so far school has been underwhelming. I was excited for a new scene, a new school, new friends, a whole new ballpark. But i'm stuck in the house staring at a computer, this wasn't what the deal was supposed to be. I want to be back in real school but I know that won't happen anytime soon. So now we are done with the first quarter of my freshman year and i haven't even seen the school building in person.

So overall being a teenager in 2020 its kinda lame. Parents finally give you freedom but you cant go anywhere. Your freshman year has basically been ruined because of this pandemic. But what can we do but hope the world can go back to normal. I hope whoever is reading this has more insight on what my experiences have been.