Welcome to CAR Photo Essay Presentations!

11/18/20

Photo Essay Task Question

How do the founding principles apply or not apply to your community?

OR

How has your community been affected by injustice?

Presentation Format

After each student presents, we will have time for one or two audience members to ask questions or make a positive comment. Then we will move on to the next presentation.

You can also use the chat box to add comments, just make sure to use the presenter's name, so they know you are talking about their work.

***Please mute yourselves unless you are presenting or it's time for the audience to speak! Thank you and enjoy!

Presenters

Tania Mohammed's students:

Nina Kogut-Akkum's students:

1. Claudia Joa

5. Dallissa Reyes

2. Diego Delgado

6. Hassan Saleh

3. Anezka Laclavikova

4. Joel Bonilla

4. Mouhamed Diop

8. Zakhrob Kakhramonova

How has the pandemic affected students?

Claudia Joa PBAT # 1 11/6/20

Education System



Since mid-March, authorities began to impose several restrictions due to the covid19 affecting the education system and Studies have been transferred online in Which 84% of Students are part of the remote learning course because they don't want to get infected by the virus and that has bringed a lot of difficulties on the students way of learning and their personal lives.

Uncomfortable



Leslie Peralta, 15, Richard R. Green High School Student tell us about how she was used to interact with teachers and classmates in the classroom and that kept her active into doing her work but now because of this global pandemic it has been difficult for her having to focus in front of a screen for hours trying not to be distracted by your environment losing motivation "every place at home is just comfortable but its getting uncomfortable" Leslie Says.

Isolated



Alejandro Guillermo, 16, Manhattan International High School Student consider himself as a student who likes working with others and communicate in class but since the coronavirus he hasn't been able to do that "sometimes I feel lonely or isolated staying home but we have to do what we got to do even if we don't like it" Alejandro says.



Kaylanie Flores, 16, Richard R. Green High School student tells us about how school has been more difficult and less understanding for her because she prefers to be in the setting of a classroom in order to understand what is being taught. "Teachers often aren't understanding as they might seem to be. They often explain how they want us to spend time with family during this pandemic. Yet they still manage to give Stacks and Stacks of Work" Kaylanie Says.

Stress



Dalissa Reyes, 16, Manhattan International High School Student explains how attending to online classes during a global pandemic has changed her a lot drastically because it has damaged her learning skills and her lack of internet access has been getting in the way too. The school routine that she had before the pandemic was the one thing that kept her brain focus during the day but now is not. The lack of communication is impeccable "Indeed I feel more stressed and my anxiety has grow" Dalissa says.

Passion...



Joseph Estvella, 16, Manhattan International High School Student Says that being home is hard for him because he gets easily distracted by everything making it hard for him to understand classes because it doesn't work the same as being in school because the education system has changed. Also "I'm not able to play sports... Covidia has cancelled my baseball season which is really hard for me to come to realization because it's my passion..." Joseph says.



Marileen Espinal, 15, Richard R. Green High School student has a different perspective from the other students and says that the pandemic showed her a lot about herself and that being alone isn't always a bad thing "it showed me that putting your guard down would let you meet new people and that in the bad times family will always be there" Marileen says.





Overall, this pandemic has affected students in different and similar ways making it difficult for them to adapt but indeed they have to because we are on a situation we cannot do anything about it.

The End

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Any questions?

Reflection:

1) What did you learn about whether the founding principles apply or not apply in your community? OR What did you find out about injustices in your community?

I learned that in this period of time some parts of the founding principles does not apply to students when it says that we have the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness but clearly that's not happening right now with the majority of students on their academic and personal lifestyle with this pandemic.

2) What did you enjoy about this project? What did you find challenging? If you could do this project again, what would you change?

What I enjoyed about this project was that I got to see the different perspectives yet similar that the students had about the situation. What I found challenging was finding a topic that I could write and talk about... Finally if I had to do this project again I wouldn't change anything because it was nice the way it was.

Any questions or comments for Claudia?







A couple of months ago before the pandemic started, my family and I decided to move to a bigger house to make our lives more comfortable. This is where Roosevelt Island comes into place, an area that is located between Manhattan and the west of Queens, location that is inhabited by around 11.682 people.

Since the arrival of different events such as; the COVID-19 and The Black lives matter movement, today i'm gonna be guiding you to how my community has respond to one question:

How Roosevelt Island citizens use art to express themselves with the actual situations?

Meditation Steps



Meditation Steps is the current location were all this paintings can be found, located all the way to the North side after going outside of the F train subway.



This Painting shows a furious and possessive eyes, with words on the top and bottom of the painting saying "Join the fight" "Reclaim our Time".





In this painting we can see a blind black female holding the scale of justice while hugging the statue of liberty.



In this painting we can see a white male and a black female opposing their visions inside what it seems to be a bus.





This Painting shows us a really important date with a really special man called Martin Luther King Jr. The date, August 28 of 1963 remarks us the time of his really meaningful speech called "I Have a Dream".





In this painting we can see many different drawings thats shows problems that our is facing or had gone through.



In this painting we can see a women surrounded by a black background, same women is being silent by a huge hand.







This drawing has a very blue background with red and white stars around. The big message "I will vote" which represents our most recent controversy, the elections.





In this painting we can see a close black hand coming out of a flower which is surrounded by chains.



In this painting we can see a well dressed african american women looking at herself in a mirror, saying words in spanish "Negra soy y que lindo suena" which means "I am black and how beautiful that sounds".





To conclude...

The small walk around Roosevelt Island show myself how people around the neighborhood are aware of what happens in our country. I found really interesting of how pacific they show their feelings and how meaningful is the way they demonstrate their disappointments through this actions that has to deal with the Equality of different groups of people.

This first experience of a Photo Essay was really interesting. I found joyful the way we could learn another technique of writing essays, this one in particular I found it more impactful in the way viewers think about it, in fact, I found challenging how you can find material for the topic you want to cover. If I could make this project again, I would make more simpler the way is explained. Overall, I can say that I enjoy to learn this new form of essay and I hope that I could think of using it in the future.

Thanks for listening.



Any questions or comments for Diego?



CLEAN ROOSEVELT ISLAND

Anezka Laclavikova PBAT # 1

INTRODUCTION

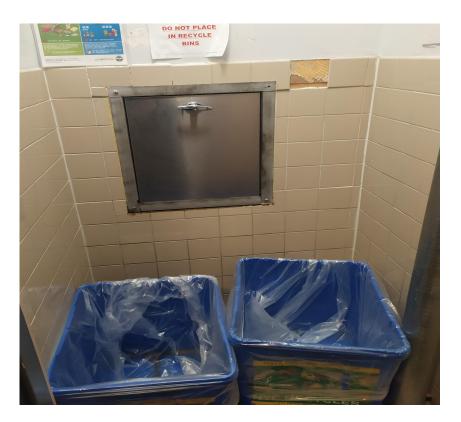


Roosevelt Island is very international because lots of people there are diplomats and come to Roosevelt Island for only few years from different countries. I have been on Roosevelt Island since last october.

Roosevelt Island is always clean because there are many hard workers who make sure to take the garbage away and recycle it.

When the community is clean, people are happy and that way this applies to pursuit of happiness.

REFUSE ROOM



On Roosevelt Island there is a refuse room in every building. The two blue boxes are for recycling material. When the boxes are full, workers from the building come and take it away.

Garbage bags go into chute and it goes all the way down from every floor. When it gets down and the space becomes full someone just moves the switch and the trash travels to centralized collection facility through underground pipes.

CLEANING THE LEAVES



This worker puts the leaves on the grass and sidewalk in one place and then he puts them in garbage bags.

COLLECTING THE LEAVES



These 2 men are collecting all the bags with leaves and they are loading them in a truck.

TAKING IT AWAY IN A TRUCK



Now they are going to take it away from Roosevelt Island and that way our community is clean.

NO DOGS ON THE GRASS



This sign shows why Roosevelt Island grass is super clean, people feel safe when they want to sit on the grass because they know there is no dirt from dogs on there.

IT'S THE LAW



People are forced to clean up after their dogs because if they don't they would have to pay fine of \$250.

BEAUTIFUL NATURE



There is beautiful nature on Roosevelt Island because workers clean up our neighborhood very often. If Roosevelt island was polluted people would not be happy to live there.

REFLECTION:

I learned that there are amazing people on Roosevelt Island that keep our community clean. People don't throw garbage on the ground. This is one of the things that makes Roosevelt Island attractive for tourists.

I never tried to take photos that tell a story so I found it interesting to do so for the first time. I found it challenging taking pictures of other people because I was scared that they would see me and that way they would not be happy if I took their picture. But luckily they didn't notice me. If I would do this again I would try to ask people if I can take their photo because if they know that I am taking a photo of them then both of us would feel more comfortable.



Any questions or comments for Anezka?



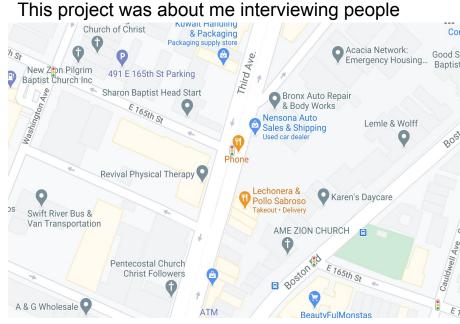
How has my community been affected by injustice?

Mouhamed

Mouhamed Diop PBAT # 1 11/5/20

Introduction







He believes that the community has been affected based on the discrimination. For example, when you walk in the store how people look at you and follow you around the store telling you to get out, if you are a lower class, and how they treat the high class differently based and how well you dress, look, your race and skin color.

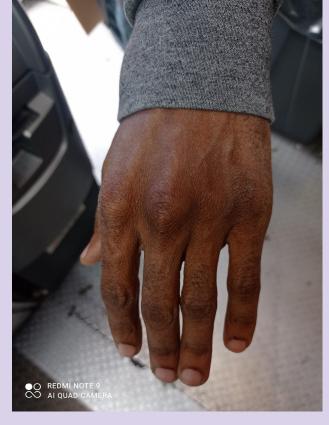
(Differentiation)
This man is the Super of the building where I live.



He has been affected by injustice, because one day when he was going home with his brother and his friends, he got pulled over by the cops. He thought that it was because they had tinted windows, but the officers were searching his car for drugs but there were none. The cops harassed them based on where there came from and how they looked.

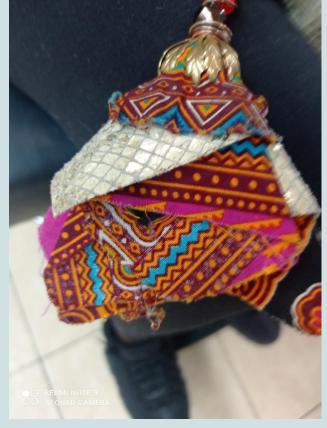
(Tinted)

This guy is 26 years old. I met him at at my aunt's salon doing his hair. His story is about when he, his friend, and brother got pulled over and harrassed by the police.



Cops are targeting people and that are mostly people of color that are being targeted. There are also food desserts with means there is not enough food, and the shooting rate is rising.

Ali(Food desserts) I met him at Mouhamadou's store taking out money from the ATM machine. He said he was double parked so he didn't have a lot of time, but he still told me what he thought about the Bronx.



We don't have enough healthcare and there is no community support from the police. The killing rate is increasing and the community network does not have enough support.

She doesn't think that the Bronx clean or safe. When she is outside, she is always scared because there are people that are walking with weapons. This means that it's not a safe place because the kids won't have places to play and feel safe. But the only good thing is that they can get food from food stamps.

(Feathered clothes) This is a women who was also in my aunt's salon. The reason that why I took this picture and named it "feathered clothes" is because it represents different kind of people who are living in the world.



Samba believes that in our community the Bronx has been neglected and there are a lot of crimes. For example, there are a lot of homeless people with no home and food. He also believes that the government or the mayor should take care of them by putting them in shelters.

He thinks that the Bronx is dangerous and the technology is not as up to date compared to other boroughs.

(Neglect)

Samba is my big brother and he is 24 years old. He is studying business. On the day the picture was taken, he was doing a presentation for his class.



Mouhamedou: There are a lot of people that are losing their jobs based on the pandemic and there are a lot of killings by the forces of the order.

I asked him what is the most important to you? He said the prayer rugs because since he is Muslim, he prays to God and asks for forgiveness.

(Laws and Forces) Mouhamedou is a Muslim / and works at the convenience store. He moved here not too long ago, but he had seen some things that should be improved in the Bronx.



Touty believes that the community has been affected by injustice because of how people are treated in the past and how it's still affecting them now. For example how the "Jim Crow laws" and people of color can't eat or be at the same table with whites people and how black people have to go to the back of the bus or the separation and black and white people in life.

Touty (Black power) Touty is my younger sister and she's 15 years old. She goes to school at P.S.M.S 04 but she's about to go to High School.



The Bronx has a lot of arguing but you have to be positive. He started selling jewelry 20 years ago and he is still doing it because he loves it he proved people wrong he is proud of it right now. He started at 125th and lenox and he sells in the Bronx now. even though the Bronx has a critical shooting he is still a positive and inspiring person when this is going on.

(Positive and Inspiring) This is a jewelry seller that I see sometimes in the Bronx and he sells bracelets and necklaces.

Reflection:

Based on my community the founding principles such as equality doesn't apply because the community has been neglected such as community support, support from the police or the government, and cops just targething people of color.

What I enjoyed in this project is that I talked to people who I usually don't get to talk to and they shared their stories and thoughts. If I could do this project again, I would try to challenge myself to ask gang members and the police of what they think about the community.



Any questions or comments for Mouhamed?



Women's Difference

Dalissa Reyes Almonte PBAT #1 11/8/2020



I have been living in the United States for 3 years, since June 2017. I was always uncomfortable about men in my country but whether i was in my country or here I still feel the same and I always find there are sometimes where women are treated differently from men, I have seen this type of things since I was a kid seeing my mom in the kitchen and cleaning giving everything my dad needs when he wants it, which made always mad. Since I was a kid and my opinion never mattered or most people thought what I would know about the world, right? They were adults, so that means they know more than me.

Even here in this country is still the same, even if I equally work as well as my dad still the same thing. I was curious what other young women no matter if they were young women thought about the difference between men and women and how they think they are treated here, so I asked them:

How has the U.S treated you? How are women and man different here in this country? How have you been impacted?



Melissa Cruz, 17 years old, Manhattan International HS Student

For me men's think they have more opportunities than women or than any other women in the world, for example they think that there are things that women are not supposed to do or they have their preference on what type of girl they prefer. I feel like sometimes men ask too much from us or expect us to be the way they feel we should be is like if they were asking us to be perfect. Most of the time men have this superiority complex. At the same time us women in this country we have so much empowerment i feel like women in this country try to be more empower than any other country. Also, this country has given women so much opportunities which make think somehow here women and their opinions are respected sometimes.

America has affected me by the injustice of being a Hispanic. The way white supremes look at Hispanics is very unfair. They see us as if we are less and don't have as much potential as them when it's wrong. Being a woman in the United States is very difficult. You can't go outside wearing a certain type of clothing especially if you're embracing your body by wearing something that's "attractive" because the man would make sure to make us feel unsafe by saying disrespectful things such as "may I hit on you" "you look so sexy let me touch you" among other disrespectful lines. Unfairness is seen between genders which have affected the lifestyle of the way I as a woman have lived in the U.S.



Leslie Peralta, 15 Richard R. Green High School student

Sagrario Batista, Mother of 2, Brooklyn

The United States has treated me well, I have my job but sometimes this country is very unfair that sometimes does not give you many opportunities just because you do not know the language here. Women here have much more difficulty since women earn less than men even if they are working hard.





Velina Belenozova 17 years old , Manhattan International High School Student

Based on Velina's experiences. This country is extremely liberal in terms of women voice, right and privileges. However is also full of people who doesn't know how to treat ladies and like to be disrespectful. She feels scared to be the only female on the train when traveling, and received a inappropriate comments like "sl*t", honking "come here " and etc. about her outfits when just walking on the streets of New York.

"Yet I am pretty sure that men have never experienced such things So I would say that the difference between the male and females in this country is that women are being more harassed and sexualized."



Pema Doma Sherpa, 18 Manhattan International High School Student

The difference of women and men is that even though in America there is equality, at some points there is also discrimination. Girls dont get enough opportunities, also we don't have a choice because if we do something there is will be people judging us that's why we live in a judgmental society. Men have the type of stereotype that they believe that women are not able to do the same as them. During the elections I have watched a lot of videos and saw that there was a man saying "oh women should be in kitchen." This kind of thoughts that men have which for me is disgusting that perspective is from old times when women had to serve men. However, even in this modern days people still have that type of perspectives.

She said that this country has given her many opportunities, especially in equal treatment. She believes women are equal to men and that there is a no different treatment. Men and women are treated the same and we have the same rights.

Heiby Canales, 17 Manhattan International High School Student



Kiara Alvarado, 17 Manhattan International High School Student

To be honest, I have not seen much gender difference in the country especially as a teenager which is important because generally when we are young we tend to develop our personalities and many ideologies, but fortunately no person I have met has had that negative thought to exclude me because I am of a different gender and since I arrived here I have felt part of it. Obviously I am studying to go to college and I feel part of the economic and social development





From my point of view, the country itself has treated me quite well, I have not suffered any type of discrimination towards me except for one time when I went to a job interview in a Mexican food restaurant and they told me that because I am Puerto Rican I couldn't work there. They never gave me any logical reason, just my nationality. And well, regarding the differences between the genders, I think the biggest thing that I have experienced here was that Hilary did not win the elections, from my point of view this country is not mentally prepared for a woman to rule them, I suppose that she will have to do with misogyny maybe.

Evnisse Marie 20

Ashly Reyes, 20 college Student

I feel good in the América I got to have so many opportunities while studying and living here. A lot if times women get paid less than men because of their gender, I relate to that comparing my salary with with other men's salary, definitely the men would have a best salary better than mine.





I think us give me a lot of opportunities that i couldn't get in my country. My parents didn't have to pay a lot for my education. One of the most important things would be that i learn the real meaning of freedom.

I don't think I was treated different at any point in my life. I could participate in all things that men did.

Zoya, 17 High School Student

Reflection:

1) What did you learn about whether the founding principles apply or not apply in your community? OR What did you find out about injustices in your community?

My topic connects to whether women have equality. Most women in this country get harassed, for me definitely women are treated with a lot of injustice because of our gender or that we are not able to do stuff men do, I see there is a lot of gender inequality even do in america there is equality.

2) What did you enjoy about this project? What did you find challenging? If you could do this project again, what would you change?

I enjoy hearing others people opinions and thoughts.



Any questions or comments for Dalissa?



THE LIFE OF ARAB COMMUNITY AROUND AREA WHITE PLAINS RD

By: Hassan Saleh

PBAT # 1

11/6/2020

I have been living in White Plains Road since I came the the U.S. four years ago. I have seen a lot of changes happen in the area that makes me feel that I am in a small Arab community because of the. new stores and the restaurants that serve halal food. However, I want to show how the government has been treating the Arab people who live in this area, what the people think of this place, and show how a woman plays an important role in our community.





This image shows how the streets are during Friday prayers. There are a lot of people who pray on Friday's because it is a special day for Muslims. The government gave permission for people to pray on the street. Some people just lay a prayer rug to pray on the street.



The government agreed that the Muslim community

can build a mosque after most people in the area wanted to build one.

Mosque school

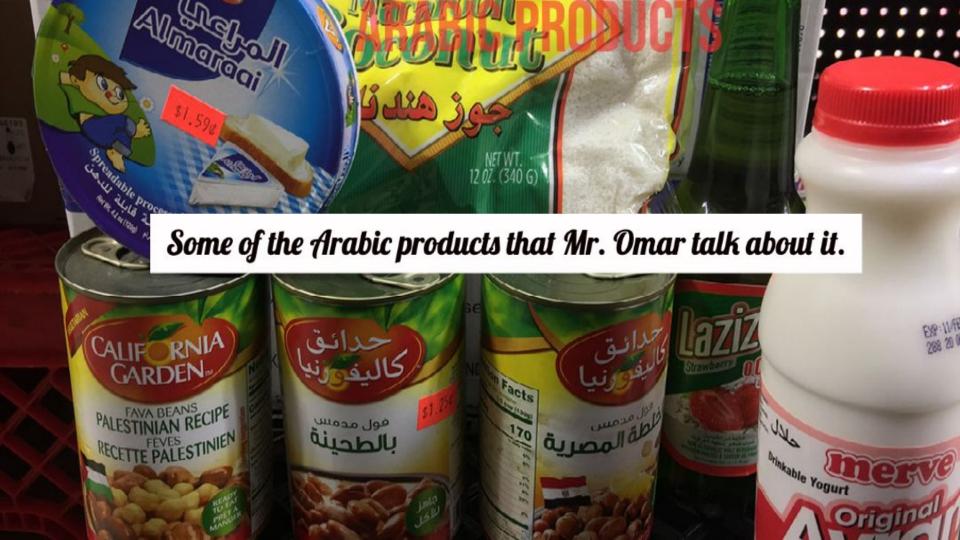


Also, the government didn't stop people in mosque of

teaching kids Quran and Arabic language.



This man his name is Omar. He have been lived in this are since he come to USA about 9 years. He say "there are more Arabic people come to this area, I was feel comfortable with life because government didn't band Arabic products that made my life easier and make become a part of the community".



Halal restaurant



The halal restaurant that serve different meals from Arabic country is one reason that made people to come to that area because it give them the food that they like and made there life easier by make them stop thinking is the food that I eat is halal or not.

Arabic medical center



This is an image of a medical center and pharmacy that is available for people who speak Arabic. This

pharmacy helps many people because they can understand what the doctors say. Also, it made their lives

easier because they don't have to travel to Queens or Brooklyn to see a doctor who speaks their language.



Mona Aly is the owner of Community Consultants that have been in the area for 15 years. I think Ms. Mona Aly is one of people that help people in our community by help them in translation, taxes, etc. She says chose a government is the important things as Arabic community become bigger there chose will be important".



The next one the I interviewed was a girl named Enayat Saleh. She is 19 years old, and that was her first time to vote. She says "I went early in the morning to vote because I was so excited about this significant step and I felt so responsible as well! I was so proud of myself when I know Joe Biden become US President-elect as me and many Arabs like me went there to vote for the same purpose. I think my voice and all of our voice matter & was heard which is an awesome thing!".

Reflection:

Looking at the life of Arab people around White Plains Road shows that Arab people life the live that they want without so many issue. The government didn't try to stop them from practice their religion and it didn't try making any laws that will make their life harder for example no more Arabic products. Also, we see that Arab people can vote without any problem. Overall, we can see that Founding Principles does apply in my community.

In terms of creating a photo essay, I really like my photo. I didn't think that I can take a photo like this because I am not used to take photo. I am like take one personal photo every four month. It was really challenge to go asking people question and take photo for them. If I could make the project again I will make interview a doctor that work in pharmacy. I was going to do that but they close on Sunday and Saturday.

YOU FOR YOUR

ATTENTION:)

Any questions or comments for Hassan?



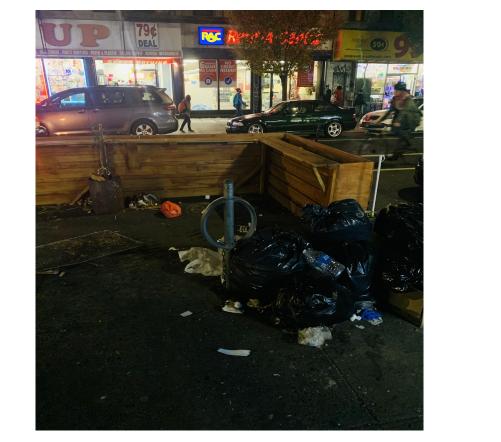
Injustice in Bushwick

Joel Bonilla PBAT # 1 5/9/2020

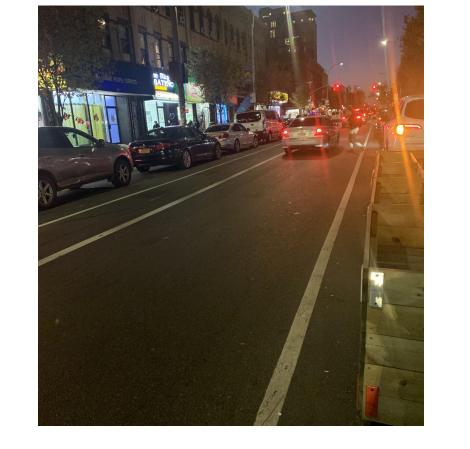
How has injustice affect my community

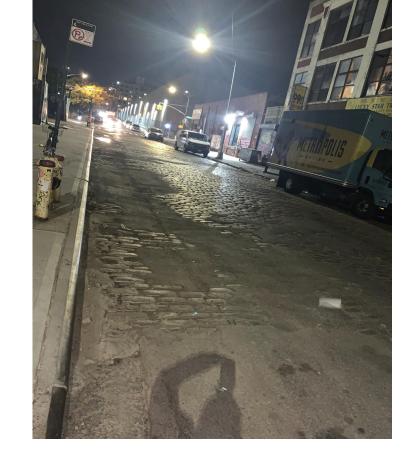


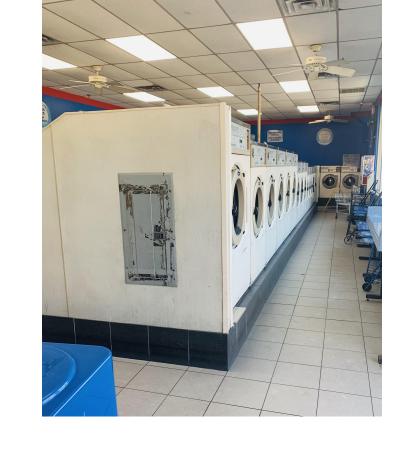
I have been living live in Brooklyn for 4 years, most specific in bushwick where people from many different countries live. In my community people are cheerful and sociable with other people. When I walked out, I find out that in some places people were living in better conditions than others. For example there were trash in the streets in some places while in other places there was no trash. A injustice happen to a little girl and my community joined to demand justice.

















Reflection:

for their actions.

1) What did you learn about whether the founding principles apply or not apply in your community? OR What did you find out about injustices in your community? I find out that not everyone in my community lives in the same conditions, the government gives priority to some places instead of everyone and the justice for crimes sometimes is not enough. Some people have been with the same trash for like 3 weeks including my family, the trash truck hasn't come but in other places there is no trash. The same for the roads only the principal and most important roads are the ones in better conditions but the

secondary are never repaired. All these things are unfair because not everyone in my community lives in equal conditions. Lastly, sometimes the ones who have committed a crime or make something bad, don't pay the consequences and don't get any punishment

2) What did you enjoy about this project? What did you find challenging? If you could do this project again, what would you change?

Any questions or comments for Joel?



How Covid-19 impacted my family

By: Zakhro Kakhramonova

Class: CAR A

Teacher: Ms. Nina

Date: 10/6/20



never let yourself be defeated."

One thing that I have learned this year is that you have always be ready for challenges and tough times that is going to happen to you through your lifetime because not everything always goes the way how you planned and the way how you want it to go. Since I got to experience lockdown as many people did this year I realized that it is super important to focus and take care of yourself, never let your mental health to get bad. During quarantine I got to see and experience a lot of new things that I wasn't expecting at all that will happen to me this year. So in this project I will be talking about what kind of impact did Covid-19 made on me and my family.

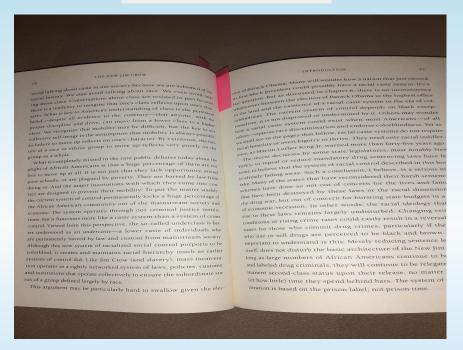
Online school learning



too early in March a lot of public schools have closed around the country including schools in New York City too, and we started

learnina remotely.

Quarantine life



WHILE I WAS IN MY HOUSE FOR THE MOST OF THE TIME DURING QUARANTINE, I BOUGHT THIS BOOK ONLINE WHICH IS CALLED "THE NEW JIM CROW", THE POINT IS THAT BEFORE LOCKDOWN I HAVE NEVER USED TO READ A BOOK BECAUSE IT WASN'T REALLY MY FAVORITE ACTIVITY TO DO BUT QUARANTINE MADE TO.







didn't know what to do at all besides her school work so she found this Youtube channel which was about origamis, and she started doing origamis by herself.



I REALLY WASN'T A MAKEUP TYPE OF PERSON BEFORE BUT QUARANTINE REALLY MADE ME GET A NEW ACTIVITY FOR ME SINCE I WAS SUPER BORED I STARTED TRYING MANY TYPES OF MAKEUP STYLES ON MYSELF AND NOW I AM KIND OF A MAKEUP TYPE PERSON.

CHILDHOOD MEMORY



I WAS 11 YEARS OLD WHEN MOM TAUGHT ME HOW TO KNIT. IN MY CHILDHOOD I SPENT MOST OF THE TIME KNITTING SOME TYPE OF SMALL AND BIG CLOTHES. BUT AFTER MOVING TO THE US I DIDN'T GET TO DOKNITTING AT ALL, BUT DURING COVID-19 I WENT BACK TO DOING MY FAVORITE CHILDHOOD HOBBY.

New change



My mother loves plants, to make some refresh and change in our apartment she bought this plant so we could look after it, and every time we look at it, it could put smiles on our faces because it can tell that there is a good side of the life too even though we were going through so many at that time.

Healing



When schools closed and lockdown began I became a little bit depressed, but as time started passing I realized that no matter what, a person should always take care of himself and be busy with things that bring him joy. To forget about all of the depression, skincare and workout routines brought me real joy and healed from depression.

Being creative















To

waste a lot of time by doing nothing I did a lot of painting with my sister throughout summer.



Job loss



AS SOON AS QUARANTINE STARTED MY FATHER LOST HIS JOB THAT HE REALLY LOVED AND IT WASN'T REALLY EASY FOR HIM AT THE BEGINNING TO ACCEPT THAT, BUT A COUPLE OF MONTHS HAVE PASSED AND NOW HE IS BACK AT HIS WORK.

Based on the topic that I chose for my project I realized that it wasn't fair

- towards me and my family, also towards other many families this year that we were in a lockdown and Covid-19 brought so many challenges and difficulties for us. Me and my family had so many plans for this year that didn't happen because of the pandemic, my final answer is founding principles didn't apply to my family because Covid-19 brought injustice to my family life and took away pursuit of happiness from us.
- 2. Some things that I enjoyed about this project was editing pictures and writing captions under them. I found challenging finding titles for my pictures. If I could do this project again I would change the topic that I would be going to focus on.



Any questions or comments for Zakhrob?





Thank you for joining us!