

Encyclopedia of a Pandemic

The format of today's writing was inspired by a fun book written by a woman from Chicago. Amy Krouse Rosenthal's autobiography is called Encyclopedia of an Ordinary Life. She wrote it not in big chapters or lengthy dialogue - instead, she wrote it in a series of little encyclopedia-style entries. [Here is a link to a few sample pages](#).

What does she do here?

- She gives each section a title
- She uses a number of different styles and genres, mixing little snippets of stories and language
- Sometimes the entries are personal, sometimes they apply to many people

What are we going to do? We are going to create an "Encyclopedia of a Pandemic" today. These should be short pieces of writing, and just like we are all experiencing now, they can include a range of emotions. They can be funny, but they can also be angry, confused, frustrated, questioning, curious, uncertain, bored, inspiring, or just about anything else.

Here are potential topics for you to choose from:

● Food ● Activities ● Challenges ● New realities ● Family ● Friends ● Pets ● Weather ● Home	● Places in your house ● School ● Computers / technology ● Outside vs Inside ● Masks / gloves ● Sickness / Health ● The media ● The summer ● Things that didn't happen	● New talents / skills ● Time ● Hopes / dreams ● Leadership / government ● Faith / Religion ● Boredom ● Feelings ● Questions ● The future
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Choose three topics from above and for each one, create a short encyclopedia-style entry!

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- I'll be including three as well!

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