

**Oral History
Capturing Quarantine
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Final Reflection**

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1. How did you feel when you read the email notifying students the oral history project would change from *Interfaith Chicago* to *Capturing Quarantine* due to the transition to remote learning?

I felt super relieved, I was already stressing about the rough draft script because of the information overload. My particular interviewer seemed very interesting and he also seemed very enthusiastic and that honestly kind of scared me.

2. What were your initial thoughts about participating in an oral history project documenting your classes' experience during the first months of the global pandemic?

I was excited. I had an idea for a video project exactly like this, so it made me happy that I knew that somehow my idea would sort of be accomplished. It also made me excited that I would be interviewing one of my peers.

3. How do you feel about the project now?

I'm proud of it, this will be something that will be studied in the years to come.

4. As an interviewer:

- a. How did you prepare for the interview?

I went over my script many times and I also watched interviews and saw what people did wrong.

- b. What was it like to interview a classmate?

Exciting, I learned about someone who (in our current situation) I would have never learned about their life.

- c. How did you feel after the interview?

I felt accomplished and relieved because I think it went well and I covered all the parts I wanted to be covered.

- d. What is the most important thing you learned as an interviewer?

I fully learned how to shut up.

- e. What advice would you give to future interviewers?

Shut up and do not talk, let your interviewee tell their story.

5. As a narrator:

- a. How did you prepare to be interviewed?

Honestly, I didn't at all, I just went in ready to answer anything with a open heart and an open mind.

- b. Describe your experience being interviewed.

It felt really good and really fast. I felt at some points that I may have talked too much, but then I realized that, that's what an interviewer wants!

- c. How did you feel after the interview ended?

Same as after being an interviewer, I was very relieved and thankful. It felt great because I had good questions asked to me.

- d. What would you tell someone who is hesitant to be interviewed?

Everyone deserves to tell their story.

6. (OPTIONAL) Questions about narrators' private lives and personal relationships were not included in the formal interview, how do you feel about this?

I think we should've asked questions about personal relationships. Everyone's social life is being totally toyed with right now.

- a. How has your gender, sexuality, race, and/or ethnicity affected your experience during the global pandemic?

I don't think any of those factors have affected me personally.

- b. Exploring and developing new relationships is an important part of the undergraduate experience, how has this aspect of your life been affected?

Before quarantine I wasn't really social in school and this just made my social life in school even worse.

- c. How are you dealing with the absence of physical contact?

It feels lonelier now.

7. Is there anything else you would like to include?