



# "One Day in November"

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*What did you do today, November 15, 2020?*

It was Sunday, so I took a day off. I took a long walk around my neighborhood, Crescent Hill, in Louisville, KY. I read a gardening magazine and daydreamed about my spring gardening plans. I checked my email but ignored anything like work. I grocery shopped at Trader Joe's and picked up a few Christmas stocking stuffers while I was there. I warmed up leftovers for meals. I played with my cats. I watched the first two episodes of Season 4 of The Crown on Netflix. I read a few chapters of a Louise Penny mystery and I went to bed early.

*What seems to be the most significant aspect of your life in 2020?*

Handling teaching with COVID--trying to balance taking care of my students and taking care of myself and my own health issues. Learning to teach online and to teach in-class and remote students simultaneously. Dealing with technology that does not always cooperate while switching my teaching mode. Fretting over the elections and wanting to get Trump out of office and end his undermining of our democracy. Worrying that while Mitch McConnell remains in office that undermining will not cease. There are still some worries there, but it feels like a huge weight is lifted now that Biden and Harris have been elected. I can breathe again since goodness is once again a value. Wondering how, after 4 years of tremendous damage, we will put our nation back together again.

*Without invading anyone's privacy, tell us about a conversation or text exchange you've had today.*

I was honestly quiet all day, blissfully so. As an introvert I value that quiet and use it to recharge.

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