



"One Day in May"

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Describe your day on May 15, 2021. Tell us whatever you'd like at whatever length you'd like. We think future students will especially appreciate hearing about concrete details -- What can you see and hear from where you are right now? What did you do for fun today? Did you cook or eat anything special? Did you work or do chores? Who did you spend time with? What did you learn?

My friend went home for may term because it is an online class and does not have in-person meetings. I miss her and wish I could hang out with her. Socializing has been really difficult this year because of all the rules. I am enjoying my Fairytale Fiction class. It is interesting to analyze the stories and try to rationalize why they are the way they are. Beauty and the Beast is my favorite fairy tale and realizing it was a reassuring tale told to girls who were going off to marry an older man is horrifying. I always knew that tales were much darker than the Disney versions but the reasoning behind them is perhaps worst.

What do you think you'll remember most about surviving the pandemic? Tell us what whatever you'd like at whatever length you'd like. We think future students will especially appreciate memories that help them picture your life and relationships -- Have you taken up any new leisure activities in the last year, or have you changed how you eat, or cook? If you're on campus, what was it like in classrooms or dining spaces or locker rooms or offices? Have you been able to stay in touch with family or friends (including classmates and other Hanoverians)? How? What have you missed the most in the past year?

I never really liked hanging out in large groups so my activities have not really changed. The mask thing took forever to get used to and I am still struggling. It also sucked to have last year's May term canceled and no traveling till next year. Sure they gave us a credit for the May term but, it would be better to take the class. All the classes are hard to get in because of the spacing issues it's also a pain. People were just panic buying things and stores being out of everything like before a snowstorm. I could not see my grandmother before she died because of the pandemic. My step-mom couldn't go back to China to see her dying father or attend his funeral because of the pandemic. A lot of stuff is also online now which sucks because I learn better in person. The movies also closed and it is unclear if they will ever be like they used to. I really missed going to movies, seeing them at home just isn't the same. My friend's dad is immunocompromized so when I could old see her on her porch while social distancing. It was the worst, we couldn't even watch movies together like we normally did.

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