

Creative Writing Task

8th Grade Language Arts (Week of 5/11-5/15)

During these most uncertain and challenging times, it is very easy to get caught up in negativity and fear. But we need to remember that this is something that will pass. Will it change our lives? Yes, of course. We will have a new normal; some things will be temporary, and some things will be forever.

With that being said, we also need to highlight and reflect on things that can make us better people. Some of you are grieving over loss; some of you are afraid. Some of your parents might have lost their jobs and some might be experiencing little to no change other than having to just stay at home.

Over the course of the next two weeks, we will have various writing prompts that will provoke our minds, and hopefully get you to reflect on yourself as a person and how to improve yourself and your life in the future. Not everything we write about will be related to the pandemic, but for this week, we will focus internally on ourselves over the last couple of months (doesn't seem possible that it's been that long, does it?).

This week's prompt is to react to the following (please try to write at least two paragraphs; of course, you can do more):

- Previously, a radio producer named Cathy Fitzgerald invited people to share their experiences during this time, through the power of spoken word. Of course, we don't have that luxury since we are not together. But we do have the power of the written word.
- Your goal is to: write about how you're feeling, how daily life has changed for you, and what you are doing that brings you joy, comfort, courage, solace, and hope. Another way to think about this— think and write about about what you might like to say in your message to the world about who you are, where you are, and the things that make or keep you hopeful during these times.
- Think of this as writing a reflection about your *"Life on Lockdown."*
- I might ask you if I can share your writing in the school yearbook. I want to create a section on our *"Life in Lockdown."* You can be anonymous, or put your name to the piece of writing.
- Remember, we are grading now. Please ensure your writing is submitted by the appropriate due date.
- This week's task needs to be submitted by **Friday, 5/15.**