

**Quarantine timeline:**  
**Langston Payne**  
**Orange Stream**  
**11/12/2020**

**March:**

At the start of quarantine we started right before my birthday but it didn't really affect me as much as other things did. Also on that thursday March 12 was when we found out that we were starting virtual school due to covid. At first I was happy because I didn't have to go to school for two weeks but then after I found out we weren't going back I was in shock.

**April:**

From march to about the end of the school year nothing really changed because we were online so I got used to. The Coronavirus was beginning to overwhelm the U.S. During April was when the recession began in earnest. This gave me the opportunity to see just how fortunate I was.

**May:**

Throughout these unsettling events I was still in school getting ready for summer. The things that did effect us were hearing things like that we had surpassed 100,000 coronavirus deaths. Something that made me really sad and that probably shocked everyone was seeing George floyd was killed at the hands of police. Another thing that had me edge was seeing the protest and the aftermath. I would be watching the protest on TV to hear an entire police precinct had been burned down. There was rioting in Philadelphia and across the country.

## **June:**

Not long after George Floyd's was killed at the hands of police. There was lots of talk of change and I agreed. In addition to that I was thinking about what my summer was going to look like with all of the covid stuff happening. Something good that came out of the pandemic is that I made a really good friend. Around June 24th I got my cat. My family and I got him so I could have a little friend to keep me company through school and being home alone most of the time. Also during late June I was scheduled to go to Finland for about a week through an organization called Children's International Summer Village. Unfortunately that did not happen due to covid. So I was home for about three weeks and during that time I mostly played video games. But I did make some new friends over video games.

## **July:**

During July I attended tennis camp for one week. I did it with my close friend's named Aidan and Jackosn who I met through Aidan. Me and Aidan have been friends our whole life. During the week long tennis camp I stayed at Aidan's house for about three days and I didn't mind but over the years we just grew apart and it felt like a forced friendship by my parents. So that friendship ended.

## **August:**

The last month of the summer was an interesting one that ended off with a bang. During the whole of the month my mom and uncle were working on helping move my grandmother from Richmond, Virginia back to Philadelphia. Another thing that happened during August was that me and my mother started attending Black lives matter protests. Sometimes I help my mom out with real estate. What I wanted to talk about that stood out to me for the whole of this month was that while helping my grandmother move back to Philadelphia we had to transport some of her belongings with us in our car so our car was full to the brim there was no room in the back. Shortly after leaving Richmond, Virginia our tire went flat in a rainstorm. After not being able to locate the tire lock, we had to call for roadside assistance. We were towed to the service facility, after about thirty minutes we were on our way to Philadelphia. What should have been a 4-5 hour drive turned into a ten hour ordeal.