

## PANDEMIC JOURNAL Class XI. Assignment, April 2021

*This week you'll have a written assignment instead of online lessons.*

*Write a „Pandemic journal“ in which you try to capture your experiences, both good and bad, every day, over one week period. **80- 100 words every day**, weekend included.*

*Your aim is **not** to chronologically describe your daily routine, but rather to express your **inner life – feelings and emotions, frustrations and joys** – on the background of your daily routine.*

*Write in first person, present simple tense to enhance dynamics of your text (Example. "Wednesday. I wake up at 8:15. I feel terrible. My head hurts when online classes begin..." ) or in past tense, which is less dynamic, Example: "I woke up at 8:30 and felt terrible. My head hurt when the online classes began.... " You may write in word processor. Watch your grammar and spelling. Use spell and grammar check. Points will be taken for any mistakes and for cheating/plagiarism. Late submit will get an F for failed. Good luck. AT*



### **Monday.**

"I woke up in the morning and the day started just like any other. I didn't want to get up, I was tired, poisoned by the disgusting melody of my alarm clock and I was actually upset too. Why are weekends always so short, WHY?!! Weekdays are endless, but the weekend always run like water. That I didn't do anything productive, that I didn't even rest, from school and everything, I always have this feeling and I hate it. (...) I always remember the times, when we did counting and subtracting fractions in the seventh grade. That's when I was the star of the class. Since there are letters in mathematics, it's not that easy anymore." Veronika B.

## Tuesday

When I opened the English homework, I began to think what and how I could write. But whenever I thought about feelings, I felt it was so depressing. I don't know why, depressing. But, yeah. I must say that because of this homework, I focus on how I feel like in my everyday life. I don't think about it. "As if I lived as without emotions and feelings." Maybe as if I were a ghost :-D though maybe ghosts have feelings... In any case, I just do the same thing every day, without any big changes. Bára P.

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"Tuesday, 8:00 am. Again. I thought yesterday was Friday... however, I feel like I am living out of space and time (probably many of us do). I feel like I am living in one dull never-ending present. So yeah, Tuesday morning, you are obviously here again. How could this happen? I've no idea. Morning is the worst part of the day, at least for me. I'm like a programmed robot. Just go to the closet, to the bathroom, turn on the computer, make the bed, make breakfast, make tea, go back to your room, connect to the lesson and pay attention, pay attention.

And then... It's suddenly evening. The day is (again) gone just like that, like nothing would happen (which is actually the truth, because the highlight of the day was that my brother was at the doctor and that finally the magazine RESPEKT came)." Bara S.

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**"Wednesday.** I was sleeping badly and had no appetite...then I realised that it was because I was thinking a lot about the situation in our school and I was so sad and nervous of it. I met my parents in midnight in our kitchen, because they couldn't sleep too and they were so sad and stressed. My mum was sitting with her head in her hands, she was sad, because (...) is her good friend and she told me that she feels like she doesn't know him well, she doesn't understand why he did that..." (Author wishes to remain anonymous)

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**Thursday** "I suppose that my morning makes my whole day, so my day was full of sun and happiness, but when I was two hours in school, with loud Šimek, my energy level quickly fell in deep end. Mr. Šimek is so kind, he made me a cup of coffee, which helped me get my energy back. I am happy that I can be in school personally. Learning something in person is much better than learning something on computer."

Saturday: This day was special, because my mother's mom, my grandma, visited us. All of us had to be tested for covid. That was weird, because last year, the covid year, I only heard my grandma on phone. I got used to hear her voice only. And now she was here in person, I could touch her and smell her strong perfume. She has no easy life, my grandpa, her husband, is very sick, so she was so happy to see another people. Seeing my granny lit a spark of joy in me. " Františka Č.

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**Friday** "I wanted to do a lot of things today to have a weekend off. Unfortunately, it didn't work out. I didn't get much sleep the night before. As soon as the German lesson was over, I went to bed again and fell asleep. I woke up around five o'clock in the afternoon and I was terribly sick. I went for a drink and took some headache pills, which still didn't help me. I preferred to lie down again and sleep until the next morning." Veronika B.

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"Today is **Sunday**. I do not like Sunday very much, because after Sunday is the school day. But today it was different. When I remembered that I will go to school on Tuesday, I was happy! After one year of online school, I am grateful for every day I can go to school physically. I'm really looking forward to my friends. I would never believe that I would say that I look forward to traveling by bus to school." Matyáš K.

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"I often have dreams at night. Sometimes they are bad, which makes me wake up in the middle of the night, but sometimes they are beautiful and I would like to stay in them forever. I can't wait for summer. I already need the sun, warmth, fragrant air and lots of free time. I also think about this quite often. We have so many great plans with friends. I hope that the situation with the corona will improve, that we will be able to go abroad, go to school normally after the holidays and enjoy our teenage years. Yeah, that's my biggest dream." Veronika B.

Please, when will it end.