

## *Critical Thinking Response #1: Interdisciplinary Project*

### **Part 1:**

A current event that has been happening over the past year and today are what we know as Covid-19. As seniors in high school, many things were cut short for example, our prom and graduation and also today as college students lacking the “college experience” that everyone else has had before us. While that may have been disappointing, it wasn’t what defined me as a part of history. Everyone has feared to catch covid because of what everyone's heard and the damage it has done to people’s families and the economy. Many people are searching for home supplies such as Clorox and toilet paper, the coin shortage, finding new jobs, and relying on unemployment. As a college student with a part-time job, I worried about the cost of my education and how I was going to pay for it. Due to Covid-19 I temporarily lost my job and it affected me in many ways. I had to learn how to file for unemployment for the first time in my life and find job searches like other people who struggled as well. However, the pandemic has shaped people including myself to adapt to our new environment. For example, practicing social distancing, moving people's education online, older generations learning more about technology, having to wear a mask, and most importantly understanding how much sanitizing is important to prevent the spread and to keep everyone safe. I see my life as a part of history's fabric because we were all affected by what's happened and we have adapted to a new life to protect ourselves and others.



## Part 2:

From talking to one of my elders, one of their defining moments was when my parents found out they were having twins for the first time. My mom initially thought she was only having one child from what doctors told her from previous ultrasounds and checkups. However, my mom didn't understand why she was gaining so much weight, and went to the doctors once more and suggested putting her on a diet to fix her sudden weight gain. As my mother was waiting for the doctor a nurse enters and does one more ultrasound to check up on the baby and hears two heartbeats. My mother was shocked to know that life not only gave her one gift but two that she was bringing into the world. My mother was excited yet nervous to take on the challenge of conceiving twins for the first time as a first time mother. Every mother thinks of the responsibility and the emotions of whether they are going to be a good parent or not. However, I learned that everyone adapts to new things that come into our lives. Whether it is adapting to life with a pandemic such as my defining moment with Covid-19, or to learn to be a first-time mother. The beauty of defining moments is that they all teach us to adapt to what is to come while things may be rocky and challenging in the beginning, life starts to get easier as we go through the cycle and smoothen out what we once thought was difficult. I believe that adaptation is a very important connection between both defining moments of life.

