



U3AM at Home

CREATIVE WRITING

How to keep busy during our enforced lockdown.

A useful exercise might be to write a response to COVID-13.

Some ideas.

1. Keep a diary and write daily entries about how the lockdown is affecting you and your community. It becomes your personal record of your experiences. You could also cover the social and political ramifications of the lockdown.
2. Keep a journal. It varies from the diary in that you can write longer responses but not daily. A journal gives you more scope to write about the subject. You could reflect on the effectiveness of the lockdown, health issues from the viewpoint of doctors and nurses, changes which have occurred in your life.
3. Respond to COVID-19 by writing poems or short stories.
4. Take a non-fiction position and research the Spanish Flu of 1919 in Victoria and write a comparison of what happened then and what is happening now.
5. Read some famous diaries or books about past or imaginary plagues.

Some suggestions might be-

Samuel Pepys' Secret Diary which covers the Great Plague.

Anne Frank: "The Diary of a Young Girl"

Courtney Love: "Dirty Blonde"

Daniel Defoe: "A Journal of the Plague Year"

Nelson Mandela: "Conversations With Myself"

Albert Camus: "The Plague"

Geraldine Brooks: "Year of Wonders"

Michael Crichton: "The Andromeda Strain"

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