

Altered Books Assignment:

The Covid19 crisis has hit the world hard. The news focuses on older people as they are at higher risk, but speaks little about the youth we teach other than to say they are at lower risk. This long-term assignment is a way for students to make their voices heard. There are other art teachers around the globe also doing this assignment, so perhaps we will create a global exhibition based on your work. Never before has the world seen this situation, you will probably be telling your grandchildren how you lived through the Covid Pandemic. This artwork will be an invaluable artifact of our time.

To begin, look up "Altered Books Art" in videos and online resources.

<http://bit.ly/CovidBook5> Find an old book you can destroy. Each week create a new section in that old book to represent your journey through this Covid-19 situation. Record the good and the bad. Keep it "school appropriate." Every Friday upload your work and a short statement about what you created (A 5 sentence paragraph at least). You can use ANY materials you like. When you see samples; you can see there are many ways to interpret the situation. Be creative; paint with strong coffee or tea, use old house paint to cover pages, cut up old fabric to glue in, create pockets or fold-outs to contain more items, sew stuff into your book, glue in photos or news clippings & print-outs... Just document YOUR experience.

Each submission should look like 1 week's worth of art. The number of hours per week of art class should equal the number of hours you spend on this assignment. Go for details and embellishments that really push your good art into being great! Decorating the cover counts as 1 week too. See below for video links that may help.

<http://bit.ly/CovidBook1> is a good resource too.

Video 1: <http://bit.ly/CovidBook2>

Video 2: <http://bit.ly/CovidBook3>

Video 3: <http://bit.ly/CovidBook4>

These are some possible these to explore in no particular order:

1. What's in the News
2. My Predictions
3. What I can do to help my family
4. What are my worries
5. Photos from my Covid experience
6. Most people in the USA came from another country and settled here. Find out your countries of origin, and create a page spread based on news from those

parts of the world. If you are multi-cultural, then just pick one culture or continent to focus on.

7. What do you miss most
8. Moments of hope
9. Something you learned about your family
10. How things have changed
11. How do you feel about our leaders during this crisis
12. The beauty around your home and neighborhood
13. Memorial page if you know someone who suffered in this crisis
14. What can you say in a drawing/painting that you cannot say in words
15. What should we as a world have done to prevent this
16. Do an artwork that includes an image of the Covid Virus

Save your work, do your best, and when this is all over, we may be able to have a special exhibition to celebrate.

Please add your directions on how students should submit their work.