



Stories behind



the mask



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March 2020-August 2020

When this all started I was very amazed. I thought this virus was just going to go by in an instant but when we had to go home I was really surprised. I thought I was going to be able to go back to school, but when I figured out that I was not able to I was very anxious and disappointed. **I would think of this time and my experiences of the song Rise up -- by Andra Day.** I was also slightly optimistic because I thought it would be fun to stay home all the time. I thought I could do whatever I wanted and do the school work whenever I wanted too. Some of my concerns were that I was not going to be able to see all my friends again. Everything happened so fast I thought we were only going to just go out for two weeks but then it became longer and longer and then it was summer time before I knew it. **Also another song is what's going on -- by 4 Non blonds** During this we had to do school online. It was not fun at all. We had no idea what to do and how to do it because we are not used to doing it this way. **Another song I would think of is Shallow -- by Sia.**

September 2020-May 2021

When this year started I was very anxious because it was not going to be like the last few years. We had to wear masks, and that sounded scary because we did not know how to use them properly and we were not able to change classes. **A song that would watch this is Cover me in sunshine -- by Pink.** This also meant we were not able to see our friends because they might be all online. Online learning was not fun but when I got used to it, it got better. **Also another song is New soul -- by Yeal naim.** When the first day started I was very anxious because I had no idea what was going to happen and who was going to be in my class. I had a bit of concerns, some were that I was going to get quarantined and not be able to go back for a week. Also, I did not want to be in school for two days and then three days at home. **A song that would match this is Opheila -- by the lumineers.**

June 2021-September 2021

Near the end of this year it has gotten better, more and more people have been able to come to school. But since most of the people chose to come to school, the class had to be split. It was a bit of a change but it is definitely better. **A good song for this is Snowman -- by Sia.** Some things that I want to happen next year is to not have to wear masks and also not have to be quarantined, and for no one to be online. It was really hard on us to wear masks especially during gym and also sports. When we were online it was really difficult and I felt frustrated a lot of the time. I felt left behind and not able to do a lot of the work. I was not able to get a hold of the teachers easily, especially if I did not join the meetings. This year there were a lot of very challenging things for us to overcome but we have almost made it! **A song that would match this is Take me to church -- by Hozier, and I hope -- by Gabby Barret**