

Background Survey

Please answer the following questions. You do not have to use complete sentences. If there is a question you don't feel completely comfortable answering, that is ok, but try to give me as much information as possible. This survey is not designed to be nosy. It helps me understand where my students are coming from and what they are going through during this very different and challenging time in our history.

1. What is your name, age, and grade?
2. Did you request this elective? I usually never ask this question, but due to scheduling restraints because of the pandemic, you may have gotten placed in here without requesting it.

Have you taken photo classes before or learned photography from someone else? If so, please elaborate.

Do you take a lot of photos? How do you take photos? With your phone? With other types of camera?

What do you like to photograph?

Tell me anything else about your photographic background. It is no problem if you have very little experience. It just helps me know your background.

3. We have been in some historically turbulent times in recent months: pandemic, stay at home orders, school online, unemployment, business closures, mass illness and death due to COVID-19, and civil unrest. Tell me as much or as little as you feel comfortable in regards to these questions.

What, if any, challenges or problems have you, your family, and friends faced during these times? If you have faced challenges, how have you responded to them?

Have you had to cancel plans that you were looking forward to? What are you missing out on due to this pandemic situation? What do you miss the most during this time?

Has there been anything positive that has come about for you, your family, or friends due to the recent events? If so, what?

4. Who else lives with you? Parents, guardians, siblings, pets. Those who work in your home, what do they do for a living?
5. Do you know any other people who have taken a class with me (Mr. Lindroth)? If so, who are they?

6. Describe as much as you'd like about your home learning environment during this time of online learning. Some factors that are helpful for me to know:

Do you have a quiet, isolated place to work? Or is your learning situation sometimes noisy and not so isolated? How is your internet connection?

Are you having to take on other responsibilities that could make it sometimes challenging for you to learn (like taking care of a younger sibling, helping a younger sibling do his/her school, or having to work, etc.)?

7. Please tell me about you.

What are the activities/interests/hobbies/sports you engage in?

Are you a part of any clubs or organizations on or off campus? If so, which ones?

Do you volunteer anywhere? If so, where?

Have you had a job or currently have a job? If so, where?

What are some of your favorite subjects in school? Least favorites?

8. What has been the most challenging or tragic thing you have faced in your life? There may be more than one. If you don't feel comfortable answering this, that is okay. Why I ask is, for many people, some of the most trying times in their lives have been the most influential in forming them as a person.
9. What have been the best experiences in your life? It could be an event or something you do on a regular basis. What has brought you joy in your life?
10. If there is anything else you'd like me to know about you, let me know here
11. You do not have to answer this question:

How do you identify as your gender? If you have a personal pronoun, let me know here.