

# Voice of the Highlander

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## Quarantine fun

By 8<sup>th</sup> grader Corlynda Malvern



Most of the time, during quarantine, me and my family play card games.

My mom is also teaching me how to play spades during the time that we have nothing to do in the moment. To make the time go faster I either go outside or sleep.

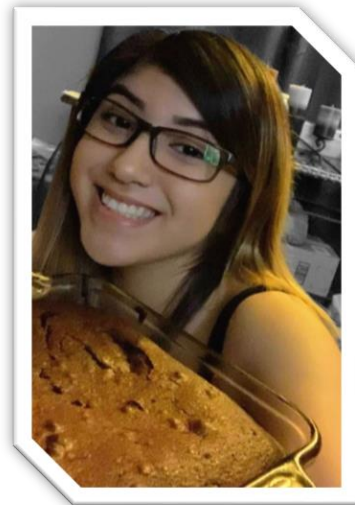
I like doing this activity because while doing it I will be having a little fun. Having fun and getting a family connection

is what makes this activity fun to me. Me winning makes the game fun also.

What I have learned from this activity is that I am pretty competitive. I really haven't thought about much to do during quarantine because many things are closed right now.

## What is fun for me?

By 8<sup>th</sup> grader Angela Tapia



During this whole quarantine I have found myself being very bored of doing the same thing every day. With that being said, I

have picked up a new hobby. Which is baking, I now bake ALL THE TIME. I find it very calming and relaxing, and I think others would too. It's also very fun!

I feel like the best part about baking is that you can't wait to see how it'll come out. This also helps me with the stress I have from all the schoolwork. It gives me an opportunity to let go and make something so good. I think the fun part about baking is that you get to mix things together.

Since I've started baking, I've realized that I love being in the kitchen. It's all so interesting and exciting to see. So far, I've baked at least 10 different things and I always make my family try it out and give me their opinions on it. Besides being in the kitchen, I also go outside and play with my nephews. There's plenty of things you can do without going out. Like play games, cook or even clean. I'd say to take advantage of all this time while you can, but to also stay safe.

## A Tasty Treat

By 8<sup>th</sup> grader Cody Fulenwider



If you're like me, you have noticed a pattern in the food you have been eating

during quarantine or you're looking for a new hobby to practice during this tough time. A hobby I have found both fun and rewarding is cooking certain desserts. One of my favorite desserts have been chocolate chip cookies made from scratch.

You will need:

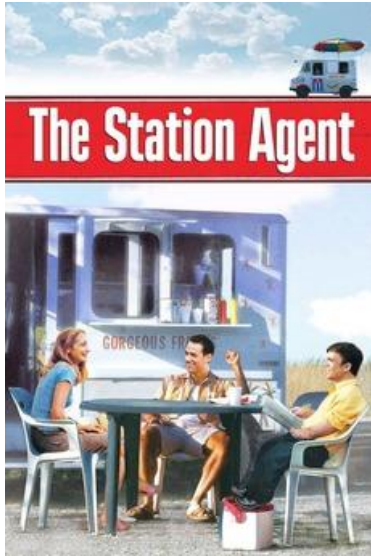
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 teaspoons hot water
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup chopped walnuts (optional)

Directions:

1. preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C)
2. Mix butter, white sugar, and brown sugar until smooth
3. Beat in eggs
4. Stir in vanilla extract
5. Dissolve baking soda into hot water, add to batter along with salt
6. Stir in flour, chocolate chips, and nuts (if you want to add nuts now is the time)
7. Drop large spoonful's onto ungreased pan
8. Bake for about 10 minutes or until edges are slightly browned.

# A movie to pass time

By 7<sup>th</sup> grader Moo Paw



I have been watching new movies that I didn't know exist during quarantine. Watching movies really makes time go fast for me. It is very enjoyable, because you can just chill and relax for an hour or more.

Watching movies really passes time for me and I found this movie called "The Station Agent". It came out a long time ago. "The Station Agent" is about the life of a train aficionado and downcast little person.

The thing that I learned about myself is that I should probably watch more movies from a long

time ago. My family love watching movies, so I don't need to do anything to get them involved. If you don't like watching movies, there are a lot more things you can do.

# This is thriller

By 7<sup>th</sup> grader Emely Rodriguez



During this quarantine you can read, cook, workout, or do nothing there's many activities one of my favorites is to read. My favorite genre is thriller and romance. I love thrillers because of the suspense and you're waiting and reading to see who killed who and why. This has killed time for me when I'm so bored maybe it helps you. These books are recommended by personal experience with them. I hope you enjoy them!

At number one is The Outsider by Stephen king it's such a great but long book it's about the murder of an 11-year-old boy. A

detective investigates to a baseball coach Terry he says he wants there, and there is videotape as an alibi but everything points to him even the DNA. Who could it be an imposter or what It's also a show now on HBO.

At number two is Dolores Claiborne by Stephen King. It's the investigation of Vera Donovan. All suspicion is cast upon the housekeeper Dolores but she didn't do it so what happened. Number three is The Marriage Pact by Michelle Richmond it's about a cult to ensure couples stay married no matter what. There are rules if you don't follow them they will get you.

## **My quarantine activities**

By 8<sup>th</sup> grader Evelyn Vazquez

I am using my time in quarantine to enhance on my artwork. I have been painting to pass time. I believe that others will like this hobby due to the fact you can allow your imagination to go wild.

Painting has become my favorite hobby. I've painted one of my shoes, journals, canvases and mirror. Painting is fun

and if you do it right this can keep you busy for weeks. You can get as messy as you want, and it doesn't have to be perfect.

My favorite part of this activity is that I'm improving my art so much because of quarantine. What I have learned about myself is that I love to paint landscapes. I have even got my family involve by seeing who can create a better portrait of someone.

Some other things you could do are to learn how to cook different dishes or try to photograph someone or something with your cell phone.

## **What I have been doing?**

By 8<sup>th</sup> grader Ian Marchand



Life in quarantine has just been the same ever since it started.

About a week ago I started watching this show on HULU called Superstore.

It is a sitcom comedy that I personally really enjoy. I think others will too because

of the somewhat adult humor and offensive humor.

Watching Superstore just makes time go by much quicker, the episodes are long but I have managed to get to season 4 in about 5-6 days. My favorite part of this is the humor and the storyline. You get to see a "are they gonna date" relationship combined with great humor. To me it's a great formula to keep viewers hooked.

I have learned that I hate to be bothered when I'm watching this show. It's only been like about a week, so I still have more to say about what I learned about myself. Some other things that I've been doing is working on basketball, doing photoshop, and spending more time with my family, specifically my brother.

## Top 5 Things to buy on Amazon

By 8<sup>th</sup> grader Frankie Cochran



Are you someone who likes to shop at the mall or other stores, and you are sad because you cannot do that anymore? You should shop on amazon or any other online store. They have almost everything you can think of, shipped right to your door.

### #1- Video Games

Amazon has a wide selection of games. Some are good, some are bad. They also vary in prices. If you want good quarantine entertainment, buy some games. They also can come in digital format or physical.

### #2- Consoles

You are going to need a console to play that new game you got, right? I bought my Sega Genesis on Amazon for \$50. It came with lots of games downloaded already, and a cartridge slot. You can also buy newer consoles, such as the Nintendo Switch.

### #3- Books

Books are a great way to pass the time. If you have Amazon Unlimited, some books are even free! Some of my favorites are 1984, War and Peace, and Doom Patrol.

### #4- Clothes

No matter what your gender is, everyone likes to be a diva sometimes. Buy some clothes from Amazon and put on your very own fashion show! Remember to buy a feather boa for maximum greatness.

### #5- Blankets

I don't know about you, but I have been getting pretty cozy in quarantine. I bought myself a super soft blanket for 1\$5 on amazon, and I love it. It is

very soft and warm. I suggest that you invest in one. It will not disappoint.

There you go! My top five buys on Amazon.com. Feel free to try any of these out. I hope you have a safe quarantine. Remember to stay home!

## What I Do

By 8<sup>th</sup> grader Victoria Kenny



What I've been doing has been pretty much the same even when we had school, but now we don't. But I usually go on YouTube and watch stuff, go on Instagram most of my time. I text my friends and just post random stuff on my spams, then I also have to practice my violin for an hour every day and go on my laptop to watch anime and Vlives, I like to bake when I can.

If you do some of these things, then you're cool. It's fun for me because I enjoy it and it passes time by.

I like to watch anime, Vlives, and text my friends. If you want to start watching anime ad free then some websites, I use are 9anime.to and kissanime.ru.com, but don't mind the ads on the side.

I also use crunchyroll, but it has ads and I have premium. Some people already know this.

I'm supposed to say my top ten websites, but I can't think of that many. I already said two, so I guess YouTube. I watch when I'm bored and watch videos to the people I'm subscribed to, also Hulu, but I barely watch now because the ads are so long.

I play mystic messenger, but it's fun for me, but some people might think it's weird. Instagram is pretty self-explanatory. I like to text my friends, post, and watch the stuff on my feed and explore.

My favorite part out of all of them is that it keeps me not bored for the whole day.

What have I learned about myself during quarantine? Well- I'm lazy and eat a lot. I don't do anything productive except breath. I see my cousins sometimes because they come to my house, but two are annoying and the other three are fine. When they come over, I play games with one of them because he's ok sometimes.

I really have not been doing anything special. I just remembered my friend is



stuck in Peru and their WIFI sucks there. We should start wearing biohazard suits.

## Staying Active

By 8<sup>th</sup> grader Savannah David



I use my free time to usually exercise, play soccer, and conditioning. I like to listen to music and play soccer to usually make my time go by a lot quicker. I get caught up in all the music, and stuff, that I normally forget about the time.

I like to also ride my bike or walk my dogs. It helps me relieve all the stress and I love the feeling of being free. And it's a good exercise for your legs and lower body.

I have learned that there are better things to do than to be on

social media or on my phone constantly. To get my family in my exercises, I usually ask them if they can pass me the ball or just do the exercise with me. I also like to play Fortnite or organize stuff.

## Things you can do during quarantine

By 8<sup>th</sup> grader Kaylon Edwards



People are doing many things to eat up time during quarantine, but I am spending my time with Animal Crossing New Horizons. This is making this isolation feel less slow and painful. Others will enjoy this activity because the game is an escape from reality and makes everything in these gloomy days feel happier and safer.

Video games are helping me survive social distancing. They're fun because you can choose which games to play and they fit your needs wherever and

whenever you need them. My favorite part of this activity is when I start playing Animal Crossing New Horizons because I could play the game for what seems about an hour and look outside to see that it's midnight.

What I learned about myself during these times is that I use video games to escape and/or cope with the harsh reality. I can easily get my family involved because we all love to play games of any kind. Other things you can do during quarantine is exercise, learn how to cook (if you don't already), and spend time trapped inside with loved ones.

## **Self-isolation is more like self-occupation**

By 8<sup>th</sup> grader Demarion Wreh



This quarantine is getting really boring and I'm trying to keep myself together because not only is it boring it's also aggravating. I try to watch movies to pass up time. I've been so bored I even tried learning a new language (Japanese).

I've found one thing I really actually enjoy doing during this quarantine and its graphic design. Not only that, but video editing too. It helps me relax myself and express my feelings through my artwork. I enjoy doing it so much.

Doing artwork helps me realize how talented I am, and I should love myself more. Sometimes I run out of ideas so I might ask one of my siblings or my mom what can I do or what can improve on it. Maybe this quarantine is not that bad, but once you find something you like it will keep you self-occupied.

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