

Your Story. Our Stories. In One Second per Day.

"The really important kind of freedom involves attention, and awareness, and discipline, and effort . . . awareness of what is so real and essential, so hidden in plain sight all around us, that we have to keep reminding ourselves, over and over: 'This is water, this is water.'"

~David Foster Wallace

Context:

We've spent the last few months reading about experiences from other lives, hearing stories from other places, and reconnecting with stories from our own pasts. Perhaps you've noticed that, even in stories of unthinkable tragedy or incredible survival, it seems that most people hold on to the simpler elements of their lives to stay happy and hopeful.

This simple assignment is an opportunity to use our tech to notice these next 20 days—nearly the end of your high school career—rather than escape from them. Our society tends to believe a single story about high school graduates. That single story usually involves words like spoiled, lazy, dependent, self-centered, plugged-in...Use the next 20 days to rewrite that story (in one second snippets).

Assignment Options:

Option A:

- Use a video montage app like Leap Second (FREE) or 1 Second Everyday (\$4.99) to record at least ONE SECOND of your life EVERY DAY for the next 20 days. Capture the last days of your high school self.
- Include moments that tell your personal story: the mundane, the exhilarating, the habits, the landscapes, the relationships, the pets, the transportation, the obstacles, etc. Just make sure those moments are APPROPRIATE.
- Stitch those 20 single seconds together into a shareable 20-second video.
- Share with the class. (Small group at minimum. Whole class optional. Whole SENIOR class encouraged.)
- During the final week of classes(!), share and reflect on what you noticed.

Option B:

- Use Google Slides or PowerPoint to create a 20-slide Diary – one slide per day for the next 20 days. Each slide should include an image and a BRIEF statement that captures the most important event/sentiment of the day (I got the job! Slept in. Ate pizza. A day of petting my cat. Tried sushi. Took a walk in the park. Got sunburned. Talked to crush in math class. Last math test of the year! Cap and gown arrived... etc.).
- Include moments that tell your personal story: the mundane, the exhilarating, the habits, the landscapes, the relationships, the pets, the transportation, the obstacles, etc. Just make sure those moments are APPROPRIATE.
- Merge those 20 slides into a shareable 20-second video.
- Share with the class. (Small group at minimum. Whole class optional. Whole SENIOR class encouraged.)
- During the final week of classes(!), share and reflect on what you noticed.

Requirements and Due Date:

- A 20-second video or a 20-slide presentation (covering 20 days of your life)
- Day 1 begins Monday, May 7th. Day 20 is Saturday, May 26th. **Video due in class on Monday, May 28th.**