

## Upside to Being Stuck Inside

This year has left many people to face hardship. Millions of people have died from Covid, tons of people placed out of work, while others are forced to stay home in bad environments. Prior to the Covid outbreak, I'd go to orchestra practice, hang out with friends, go to school, see my grandparents, and was able to walk outside without having to worry about putting my family at risk. Once we were all forced to quarantine I lost everything that I thought was important. I felt alone. I felt like I was going day to day living the same nightmare over and over. My parents do not get along perfectly, my brothers both have special needs, and I was drifting from my friends. Then I began to think about all of the positives that covid and quarantining have given me. Although this has been an awful year, on the upside I was still able to spend a lot of time with my siblings. I got so much closer to them. Instead of being at school until eight at night, I was home all of the time. I now would host Karaoke nights, watch movies, and hang out with my brother all of the time. This shutdown also helped me confirm my future goals. I have always believed that I wanted to become a teacher. Being able to have an inside look into a classroom via my brother's zoom session provided me with the certainty that I wanted to become a teacher. As it is shown, I could have only looked at the negatives of what covid has brought upon the world as opposed to all of the benefits and positive aspects it has brought to my life. I hope that everyone can look back, reflect, and are able to derive an upside to being stuck inside at home for a good part of a year like I have been able to do.