

Day #14, Activity #14

Sleeping Away a Sunday:

"Rip Van Winkle" is a short story by the American author [Washington Irving](#), first published in 1819. It follows a [Dutch-American](#) villager in [colonial America](#) named Rip Van Winkle who falls asleep in the [Catskill Mountains](#) and wakes up 20 years later, having missed the [American Revolution](#).

Hard to believe we are finishing up two weeks of our sheltered lives stuck inside. Imagine, if similar to Rip Van Winkle, your best friend had been asleep for the past month and just woke up to find out what has happened to us in America and the world. How would you describe it? That is your job here. Describe what has happened to us all. Why must we practice self isolation? What is going on here? What changes have we undertaken? What is social distancing? What do we have to do to prevent this disease from spreading? Let your friend know.

Or

Make the writing more about you. How are you spending your time? What is hard and easy about this new lifestyle we are all living? How does it make you feel? What changes is this creating for you and your family?

Or

Make a list of all the things you are now doing while at home. See if you can come up with 10 or 50 items.