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**Flocabulary**

<https://www.flocabulary.com/>

Flocabulary is a library of songs, videos and activities for K-12 online learning.

**Research:**

“The results indicate that Flocabulary was effective for both increasing word knowledge and student engagement. Further study is necessary to determine if the intervention is effective for increasing morphological awareness and long-term retention of word meaning.”

Martin, H. (2011). Affects of using Flocabulary: A rap based vocabulary program on middle school ELLs. *Minds at UW.* Retrieved by <https://minds.wisconsin.edu/bitstream/handle/1793/56231/AffectsOfFlocabularyRapBasedVocabularyProgramOnMiddleSchoolELLs.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y>

(Note: Flocabulary is a paid subscription service; however, YouTube has several free videos. While many of them focused on literature and literacy, I found others: *Who was Sacagawea? History of the Alamo* and several on COVID-19 *(*[*https://youtu.be/Ge3BlTLg7VM*](https://youtu.be/Ge3BlTLg7VM)*).* These videos are geared more toward an elementary and middle group of students, but could be a fun review for our students).

**Pros of COVID 19: Environmental and Health Benefits**

**NBC News**

<https://www.nbcnews.com/science/environment/coronavirus-lockdowns-have-sent-pollution-plummeting-environmentalists-worry-about-what-n1178326>

“Coronavirus lockdowns have sent pollution plummeting: Environmentalists worry about what comes next.”

*“The decline in carbon emissions that has resulted from coronavirus could easily be reversed by efforts to quickly ramp up economies.”*

**NBC News**

<https://www.nbcnews.com/science/environment/coronavirus-shutdowns-have-unintended-climate-benefits-n1161921>

“Coronavirus shutdowns have unintended climate benefits: cleaner air, cleaner water.”

*“’I think there are some big-picture lessons here that could be very useful,’ one scientist said.”*

**USA Today**

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/life/health-wellness/2020/03/16/coronavirus-quarantine-100-things-do-while-trapped-inside/5054632002/>

“100 things to do while stuck inside due to a pandemic.”

**Cons of COVID 19: Environmental and Health Detriments**

**CNN**

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/04/09/economy/trash-collection-coronavirus/index.html>

'It's just a nightmare.' Trash collectors overwhelmed by rising amount of household waste.”

*…how to “handle the massive influx of household**trash that is accumulating**as**more Americans self-quarantine at home.”*

**NBC**

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/police-see-rise-domestic-violence-calls-amid-coronavirus-lockdown-n1176151>

“Police see rise in domestic violence calls amid coronavirus lockdowns.”

*“Isolation and financial stress can contribute to domestic violence, police and advocates say.”*

**USA Today**

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2020/03/26/coronavirus-crisis-people-with-disabilities-discriminate/5082197002/>

“People with disabilities are afraid they will be denied health care because of coronavirus”

**Some Good News with John Krasinski**

<https://youtu.be/oilZ1hNZPRM>

Because we all need some good news!