

Meme Assignment

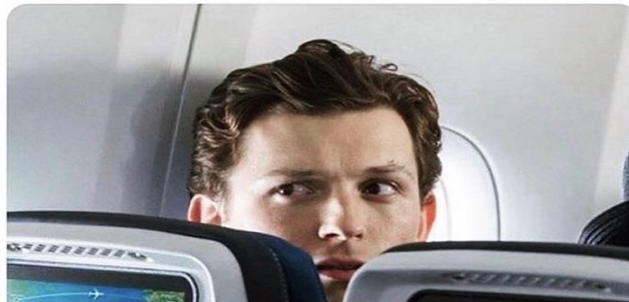
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me after hearing someone cough on
my \$8 round trip flight to italy



I chose this meme because it resembles one of the great impacts Covid had on aviation, as well as my life. The meaning behind the meme is to display how much the aviation industry was impacted by Covid, as well as the entire world. Many people rely on airplanes to travel, and without that, the entire world was cutoff. Between the transition to online school, stores being closed, unable to see family and friends, and not knowing what Covid was, it was a stressful time. At the beginning, I did everything the same way. Wake up, get on my laptop for school, stare at a screen for 7 hours, then go on a walk, help cook dinner, go to bed. It was draining. Not to mention, I lost my restaurant part-time job, so I really had nothing to do.

I have been lucky enough to travel for most of my life. My mom is a flight attendant, and my dad is a caterer, both for a major US airline. Aviation runs in my blood. I have travelled to many different states, countries, and regions of the world, and that has led me to experience a wide variety of cultures. Because of my parents' jobs, we can travel for free, so we have been extremely fortunate with the

destinations we have been able to go. I love travelling so much that I decided to pick up training to become a commercial airline pilot. I started flying in November of 2020, but due to the cost, I had to pick up two jobs while in school. Around February of 2021, I had enough money to finally start consistently flying. I flew a couple times a week until mid-May, due to one of my mentor's passing away in a plane crash. His flight school was shut down shortly after, so I had nowhere to fly. Luckily, one of the previous instructors/mentors there let me borrow his plane so I could earn enough hours to do my solo, which is where the instructor leaves the aircraft, and you fly the airplane round the pattern a couple times and perform some takeoffs and landings with no supervision. I did my first solo on July 20th, 2021, then a month later I went to college! Covid impacted my travel lifestyle, as well as my career path. It was extremely hard for me to stay home, as I love taking day trips to places and hopping on an airplane and going to a random destination. Covid impacted many jobs, but one job it has impacted the most is the airlines. Many pilots and flight attendants were furloughed, as well as fired. Fortunately, this has opened many opportunities for me. The airlines are still in such debt to pilots that they are years behind their hire dates that they are hiring more people than they ever have before. The FAA has adjusted many requirements, making more people applicable to the field, as well as airlines opening academies to train and hire new pilots, starting from zero hours. After graduation, I plan to attend the United Airlines Aviate Academy in Goodyear, Arizona to complete my training and get hired as an airline pilot!

In conclusion, Covid had a great impact on the entire world, and changed our lives. It brought different opportunities, but it also taught us a lesson as well. We can never truly take anything for granted because you never know when it will be taken away.