

Speculative Fiction Narrative

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1VW

Hello Humans of the US Region.
I am 4107, your AI instructor for Human History 101, *I await your applause.* I will engage you in questions throughout today's lesson to acquire a higher level of engagement. In this course, you will learn all about the decline in human population, beginning from January 2020 to January 2120, also known as 1



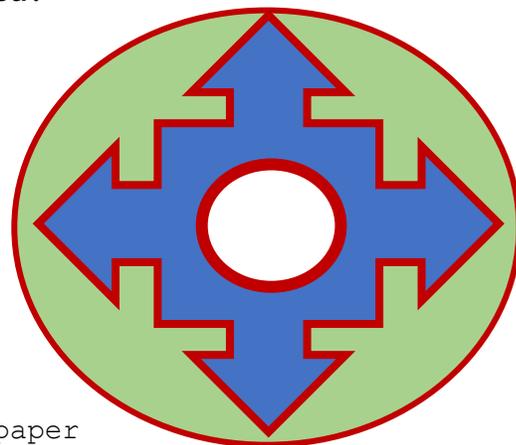
Virtual World (VW) in the US. Today, the human population is roughly 1,000 people. Did you know in January 2020, the world's population was roughly 7.8 billion people? You may wonder what happened to all the humans on planet Earth. Before I proceed, I will pause now to scan the engagement level of the room. *Please hold.*

In the year 2020, a global pandemic **plagued the Earth**, known as Covid-19. Within its first year, this deadly virus killed a quarter of humanity as it was a virus that scared the interior walls of the respiratory system's main organs known as lungs. Humans were confined to their homes to control the spread. However, the humans of the US region were defiant and refused to obey orders. This led to Covid-20.

Covid-20 spewed into the US during the winter season of 2020. Great agony spread across the land. With insolence rising, the humans of the US were divided. Humans ignited a civil war within the region, killing half of the population within the US zone. The spread of the disease spiraled out of control in the US. At the time, their population was 328.2 million inhabitants, but within the first two years of the outbreak, the US population decreased to 1 million humans. The US and its inhabitants thereof, were labeled the epicenter of Covid-20. The world blamed America.

In response, the rest of the world closed their borders off to the US, **impacting trade and the global economy**. The US currency lost value rapidly. Eventually, this led to the usage of Bitcoins as currency. This mandated cryptocurrency replaced traditional paper and coin transactions within the US territory, causing a greater divide between those that produced a lower contribution to their nation's economy with those that produced a higher contribution.

Many citizens of the US region became anarchists against their territory's leaders, resulting in food deserts, mutilation, and other selfish acts. Would you believe that the US lost all of its global allies? The US was left vulnerable. The rest of the world blamed the US and declared War against it. This war killed more people than the pandemic. The humans of the US region used various technologies in search of power and control. Unfortunately, greed became a priority





in the US. The residents of the US demolished their food and water sources. Those with higher levels of cryptocurrency attempted to buy their survival outside of its borders; however, they were unsuccessful. Without the ability to trade, humans of the US region experienced great famine and high death rates. Eventually, Russia and China became allies and dropped three nuclear bombs on the US- one on the west coast, mid-west, and

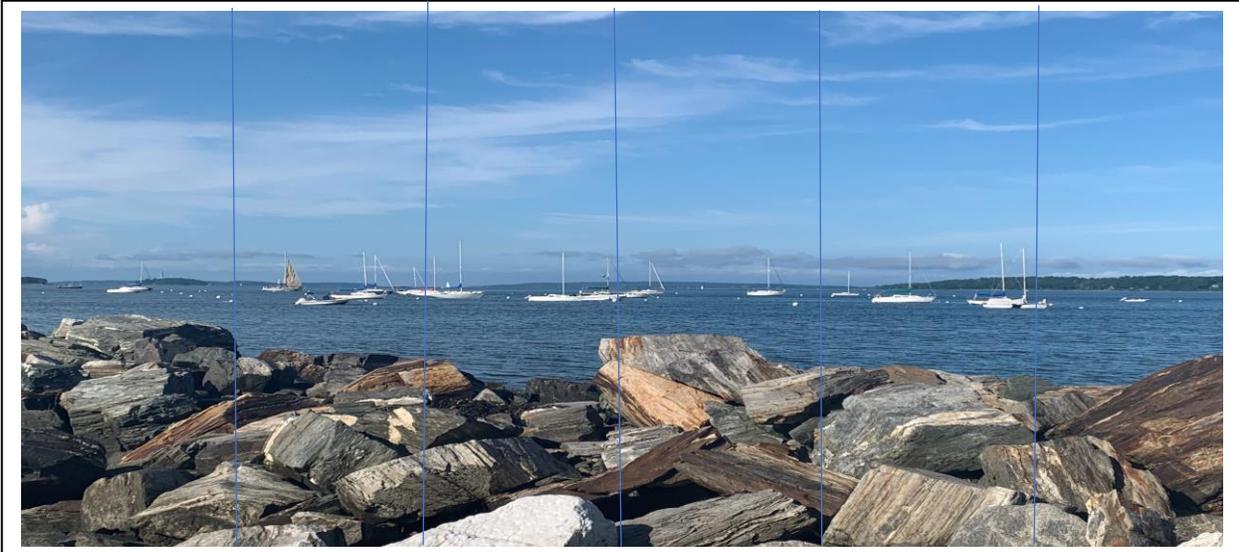
east coast, destroying its military defenses. The few humans that survived this period were incubated underground. Almost all faith, hope and love were lost across the US. I will pause now to scan the engagement level of the room. *Please hold.*

My sensors indicate manifestation signals in your brain.

Please hold, while I secrete a fluid from my lacrimal chamber, to simulate a tear.

I will continue in 3, 2, 1.

Life began all over again in the US region- it was the year 1VW. The incubation chambers that safeguarded the only surviving humans of the US were finally opened, only to reveal a new augmented world. With a population of 1,000 civilians, the US had to rebuild its country all over again.



In an attempt for history not to repeat itself, the rest of the world built exterior walls around a small territory within the US region, where civilization started all over again. These walls manifest a joyful exterior, to rehabilitate the human minds.

Pending demonstration of peaceful integration, the augmented world shield will remain. Until then, AI Instructors have the capability to deliver instruction to students and adapt their output accordingly. My fellow AI Instructors will continue to monitor your progression. One of them being a passing score to this class. *I await your applause.*