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COVID-19 in the classroom

Students in ENG 381, *Frontiers of the Land and the Mind*, read Mohsin Hamid's novel *Exit West* (2017). This contemporary description of refugee lives worldwide gave us a lens for examining our own personal experiences with the Coronavirus crisis. The students in ENG 381 experienced first hand Hamid's ambition to foster empathy. We have also been using theories from ENG 381 about "liminality" and "rites of passage" to explore this novel "liminal" period in our lives.

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