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Session A
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Vihaan

What if I never stepped onto the basketball court?
Would my interests be the same?
Would I even enjoy watching from the sidelines?
Would I even be interested in sports?

What if I never took the time to put work in practicing?
Would I still meet my lifelong friends?
What if I spent my time elsewhere?
Would I continue to sleep in every Saturday morning?
Would I never get to experience the wonders of the game?
Thankfully, I made the choice to do so.

Sarah

What if we noticed sooner?
That the one with the loud outspoken voice,
Was getting quieter as if they didn't have a choice,
About who they were going to be,

What if we asked them more?
Not just asking if they were fine,
But asking why they no longer cross the line,
That they used to push until it snapped,

What if we woke up faster?
And didn't yell at them for not completing a task,
But instead we sat down and asked,
Why they can no longer get out of bed,

What if we had a real conversation?
About what might be happening in there situation,
What if we showed them that they are not alone ?
And instead gave them a place to call their own.

Amar

What If humans didn't make any advancements
Or hadn't taken any serious risks
We wouldn't be where we are now with everything we are used to
No conflicts to develop and create countries where we live in

With no horse drawn carriages in the past or the invention of
airplanes and cars
Us humans would be limited to our near surroundings
If we hadn't launched satellites into space we wouldn't know where
we are now
With no information of how to defend ourselves our country
wouldn't be so secure
If humans hadn't taken any risks we wouldn't get the reward of
knowledge
We wouldn't be where we are now

N. I. A.- Lyla

What if trees never grew,
what if.

What if oxygen never existed,
phrase.

What if there was no sun,

What if the rivers disappeared,
start saying action.

What if the pawprints of polar bears never appeared?

What if the plants all shriveled to dust,
what ifs are true,

Replaced by green grass and its toxic must,
but those covered in blue.

What if there was a 6th mass extinction,
into reverse,

What if the ozone layer collapsed,

What if all this happened in 2021?
we can never replace.

Would we lose the battle before it was won?
Planet Earth,

What if we lost everything we knew,

What if birds never flew?

What if life never won,

Called the Anthropocene?

What if the wildfires never lapsed,

What would we do?

What if, what if, what if,

Please stop saying that

Let's start saying now.

Let's start saying is.   Let's

Now. Is. Action.

For some of these

Not the good ones though,

Now is the time to shift

To hold on to something

Let's save this home,

What if we did **that?**
Stopped the fire in its
hearth, Cut the fuse we
have set.

I know we can do this.

OR what if we stood up for planet Earth,
Don't make the future upset.

What if we eradicated the giant fishing industry,

What if deforestation, savannization, and desertification weren't in history?

What if money never took control of our morales,   What if we actually cared for something other than
power?

Aanand

What if there were no supernatural being?
Wars over a superior religion would never commence
Pilgrimages would never occur
The country in which we are would never exist

The world would be so peaceful, right? Think again.
The world would perish:
The "spotter" of life's trust fall would never be
And every falling man would be dragged to the ground

The synonym of "God" is "a coping mechanism"
Without one, the human race would crumble to dust, leaving nothing behind

What if there were no supernatural being?
Or is this indeed, the reality?

Erin

What if we all really were equal?
That it wasn't just a false promise from the past.
What if we all took care of each other.
No matter how much we contrast?
What if we just all loved each other?
Would we move forward as a society,
Covering our ancestor's tracks?
We could finally find peace and kindness.
With no more useless fights.
We all would feel content.
Knowing we all have the same rights.

Tanush

What if there was no music.

No beats, No lyrics, No fun.

What if people were broken and there was no music to

fix it?

What if there was no music to soothe your mind?

What if parties weren't a thing?

What if fun wasn't a thing because there was no music?

Aashika

What if the night never came? The cold, mysterious, starry night has so much to it beyond just going to bed. Stargazing, parties, all-nighters, late night bike rides, but what if - - the night just never came.

Would life on Earth be bearable with the excessive heat of the sun all day and night?

Would we be able to sleep at all?

Would any life be able to prosper in this condition?

Would we be able to experience the beauty of sunrises and sunsets?

What if the sun never came out? The ferocious red flames of the sun keeping us warm, the natural light shining to us, the reason we are able to go outside freely, but what if -- the sun just never rose one day.

Would we be able to survive only indoors?

Would we be able to live in the dark most of the time?

Would we be able to give up our outdoor life (parks, sports, etc.)?

Dakota

What if there were no such things as clouds? Would one greet the sun with open arms, or would their hearts fill of distaste, in longing, for the greyness.

What if darkness was non-existent? Would all accept it, or will they feel a distaste as intense as the absence of clouds.

Now think of this. What if the situation were reversed? Would one long for the sun,clear skies. What if they felt the same distaste. How could one live without darkness or light.

Light and darkness is like two magnets always spinning, trying to connect but instead… manage to keep spinning, acting in perfect harmony.

Our lives are filled with light or darkness; the clouds, like patches, shading us from either light or darkness, protecting.

If the clouds were not patches but a sheet, would this cover both the hope and the pain, or would this make life dull and grey toned.

Some prefer the grey, some bask in it, it protects them from the outside. But what if we could all accept that light and darkness should not be a thing to pull away from, and accept? What if this made life more interesting and full? What if...

Carly

What if we took care of our planet?

There be less plastic in the ocean
Animals would get to live their lives normally without humans
getting in the way

What if we treated people the same no matter their differences?

There be more peace and love
People would get to feel safe and secure

What if everyone had a little more kindness in their heart?
Maybe the world would finally come together to help fix earth.

Bhavya

What if June 1st wasn't the day rainbows filled the sky?

What if brave fighters never stood up, battered and bruised, never pushed forward past hounding dogs telling them they were unnatural, sinners, mistakes, their bodies hurting but their heads still high, with determination written across their sweating faces?

What if Marsha P. Johnson never threw that first brick?

What if Jojo Siwa never came out?

What if the only definition of love was a man and a woman,

What if the only definition of gender was "what's in your pants"?

What if our youth never got to see the choices for them outside of cis and straight?

What if no one showed scared and lonely ten year olds that it's okay to be you?

What if one man never wore a dress for the first time--

One woman never shaved her head--

One couple didn't hold hands in public--

All silently hoping they wouldn't be hate crimed today?

What if people never realized who they were because no one ever shone a light for them to see,

What if they forced themselves into love that disgusted them and bodies they felt miserable in?

What if we never showed the world the beauty in being different?

What if we never showed the world that queer does not equal broken?

That who you are and who you love is not something to be ashamed of but something to celebrate?

What if we didn't stand brave and proud, battling spears of hate with shields of love, fighting for the right to exist?

What if we never showed the world the rainbow of possibilities that waited for them in the light?

William

What if there was no war
No fighting between nations
No pointless quarrels of trivial topics
And no threats being sent
Between warring nations,
Struggling to gain leverage
What if there were no disputes
Peace throughout everyone
Arguments either few or zero
Would this be a utopia
Or a state of indecision
and little individuality
What if fighting had no use
Would everyone get along well
Or would they be silenced
With anything said against any other
Being forgotten by night and by day