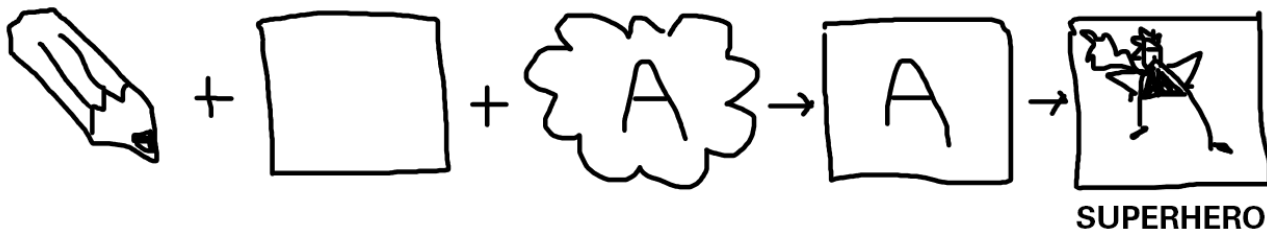


TEXT-AS-IMAGE DRAWINGS

with A. Kendra Greene



A take-with-you-anywhere, make-art-with-anyone, good-for-all-ages draw-writing catalyst, totally inspired by brilliant friend Amy Nowak's collaborative art game Letter-Number-Squiggle.



Choose something to draw with. Choose something to draw on. Could be sticky notes, blank books, old receipts, new postcards, paper napkins from the car, paper placemats on the table, an envelope before you mail it, sidewalks if you have chalk...

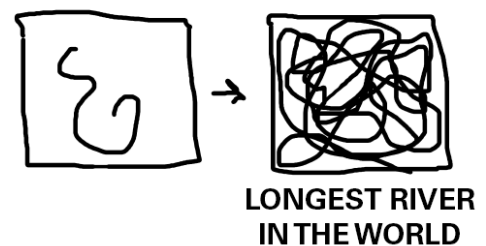
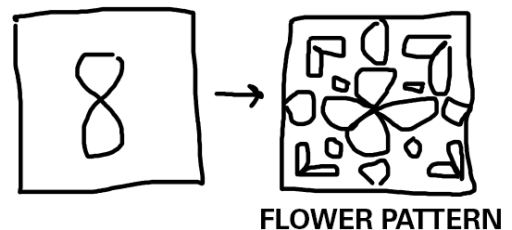
Think of a letter, number, or squiggle. There are so many alphabets to choose from! And have you noticed that Roman numerals look a lot like letters? Or how math and science use some Greek letters as numbers? Do you know how to write in cursive? Have you ever seen a signature that could be mistaken for a squiggle?

Draw it. Big or small, curvy, or straight, wide lines or thin, centered or drawn way over on one edge...

Transform the drawing with more lines. Simple or complex, representational, or abstract, respond to the starting shapes & lines

And then maybe you could...

- Collaborate with someone else—or a few someone else—by taking turns with who draws the letter/number/squiggle and who turns that drawing into something else
- Choose meaningful numbers (like your age) or enough letters to spell a secret word or pick a theme (like “bugs”) or do a series of all the letters in an alphabet
- Look up asemic writing to meet squiggles that look like they should be letters, calligraphy for more art based on writing (from China's Shang dynasty to now!), illuminated initial for drawings in letters (popular in medieval manuscripts), and the history of the alphabet to see how a lot of letters started out as drawings ('A' started out in ancient Egypt as the head of an ox!)



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