

# WIDE RAINBOW LESSONS: Artist Luchita Hurtado

## ARTIST INTRO:

Luchita Hurtado (b.1920-2020) was a Venezuelan-born American painter and planetarian that immigrated to the United States as a child and lived in New York, Mexico City, San Francisco and settled between New Mexico and Los Angeles. Her paintings and drawings were influenced by nature, mysticism, and interconnectedness with a career that spanned over eighty years moving through Surrealism, Mexican muralism, Dynaton, feminism and environmentalism. In her lifetime, Hurtado was associated other prominent artists including Frida Kahlo, Diego Rivera Leonora Carrington, Isamu Noguchi Agnes Martin, Judy Chicago, and others. Hurtado's career was revived and celebrated in her 90s with international museum retrospectives. Her later work took on urgent themes of climate change, environment, and Mother Nature.

## ARTWORK:



## **WORKSHOP:**

*Let's create drawings inspired by Luchita Hurtado's connection to nature and climate change!*

1. Go outside with a piece of paper & pencil
2. Write down on piece of paper words that come to mind while you are in nature

Ex: *sky, water, earth, fire, air*

3. Keep those words in mind as you create a drawing for each word
4. Think about how we are all connected to the earth, nature, and what climate change means? Can you make a difference?
5. Try to put yourself into the drawing
6. Share your drawings with friends, fellow students, family and celebrate our beautiful planet!

## **MATERIALS:**

- Paper
- Pencil
- Optional : colored pencils, pastels, markers, crayons etc.



**Untitled, 2019**  
**by Luchita Hurtado**

**“When I think about my painting and the political and the planet, it’s about the hope that it’s not too late and that people can still get together and in whatever small way make a difference that adds up.”**

**- Luchita Hurtado**

**FOLLOW UP:**

Which words came to mind when you were thinking of nature?

Which words did you choose to draw? Why?

How did you put yourself into your artwork?

What do you think “interconnected” means?

What is climate change? Why is it so important?

How can you make a difference?

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