Nature Drawing Challenge For Middle and High School Students

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This week's project is a bit of a challenge. You'll only need a piece of paper and a pencil for this one!

Step 1: Go outside and find a piece of nature. A leaf, a flower, anything that inspires you.

Step 2: Take a few moments to study your object. Place it on flat surface and notice what shapes make it up.

Step 3: On one half of your piece of paper, sketch the object with your dominant hand. Try not to erase anything. Don't worry too much about the details. Try to lift your pencil as little as possible.

Step 4: Now, on the other half of your paper, sketch the object with your non-dominant hand. Try to include all the details you put into your first sketch.

Step 5: Look at the differences between your two drawings. Are there things that surprised you about either of them? Did you do anything better with your non-dominant hand than you did with your dominant hand? Take note of these things! Use this exercise as a way to recognize your strengths.



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