



OGDEN MUSEUM  
OF SOUTHERN ART  
EDUCATION DEPT

## Ogden After Hours O-riginal Art Activity: Mississippi River Abstraction Inspired by Ana Hernandez



Ana Hernandez, *Those who dwell in the Waters*,  
Acrylic, latex house paint, gel medium on canvas, 2019  
Located on the 3rd floor

The visual work of **Ana Hernandez** involves poetic and intuitive abstracted explorations of heavily researched subjects. Utilizing painting, sculpture, assemblage, printmaking and installation, her work often challenges colonial views of history and culture while addressing issues of identity, indigeneity, the environment, and systems of power.

**Learn about the Mississippi River watershed while creating an abstract work of art.**

### Supplies List:

Cardstock, Color Pencils, Markers

### Instructions

**Step 1:** Where does the water in the Mississippi River come from? What is the ecological history of the river? Study the image of the river paths throughout history and the map of the Mississippi River watershed. Notice how the colors and shapes create an abstract image.

**Step 2:** Use color pencils to fill in the different parts of the watershed.

**Step 3:** Use a marker to draw the Mississippi River and its many paths over time.

**Step 4:** Add detail to your map by including the smaller rivers that flow in the Mississippi from the watershed.



