





Label your next section: Connessione


A Recognition of and
Appreciation for the
Interconnectedness of all
things and phenomena.
Systems thinking.





Leonardo moment:



Show how clouds form and dissolve,
How water vapor rises from the earth to
the air,
How mists form and air thickens,
And why one wave seems more blue than
another;
Describe the aerial regions,
And the causes of snow and hail,
How water condenses, and hardens into
ice,
And how new figures form in the air,
And new leaves on the trees,
And icicles on the stones of cold places....






Choose something you are in contact today - a meal, a mailer, an object.

Consider its origins - Where did the raw materials come from? How were they assembled? Who assembled them? How did I acquire this? How am I connected to others and to the world through this? Write down your observations.








Make a timeline of your life in your notebook. Include all events you deem important, personally and globally. Use as many pages as you need.

After you create your timeline, visualize your life as a river, beginning at a source (the mountains of Birmingham?), and ending in the ocean. What rapids, waterfalls, whirlpools, levees, and creeks are part of your journey? How deep is your river? Does it freeze, dry up, or overflow? Is it full of life?


Where is your river headed next? Draw this on your timeline.




Leonardo wrote, "In rivers, the water you touch is the last of what has passed and the first of that which comes: so it is with time present."




Imagine an imaginary conversation with a role model, alive or dead - someone whose opinions you value. This exercise was recommended by the great Italian poet Petrarch and was practiced at the Academy of Lorenzo de' Medici.




Choose a problem to work on or an issue you want to discuss in depth. Imagine a discussion between you and the role model chosen. See what insights this exercise shows you, and share your thoughts with a friend.





Systems thinking is an essential piece of the interconnectedness, and studying our families (of origin, present, and future), is one way to consider this idea.

Consider these questions about your family:

- What roles does each person play?
 - How are the roles interdependent?
 - What happens under stress?
 - What patterns have been handed down over generations?
 - What are the primary outside forces that affect the family dynamics?
 - How do the patterns you learned in your family affect the way you are with others?
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Take any two concepts below, and explain one using the other:

Human Body

Sports Team

Family

Machines

University Life

Friend Group



Connessione:

For example: You might explain your family or your sports team in light of the human body, considering who is the head?

Who is the heart?

Is the head in balance with the body?

What is the quality of our nourishment?

How well do we digest?

How is our circulation?



Journals:

Remember to go to Moodle for days you missed!

Great job to those of you doing exercises outside of the requirements!

Continue to look at and use these after class!



THIS Week:

- Monday AM/PM: Last Reading Quiz 28-33 on the Biography and 7th principle: Connessione; turn in Journals
- Tuesday: Use Class Time to Work on Portfolio on your own
- Wednesday AM: COME TO CLASS! Review of Da Vinci's life and paintings; Portfolio Questions
- Wednesday PM: Work on your Portfolio on your own
- Thursday PM: COME TO CLASS! Present Portfolios; Journals returned; Paintings Quiz