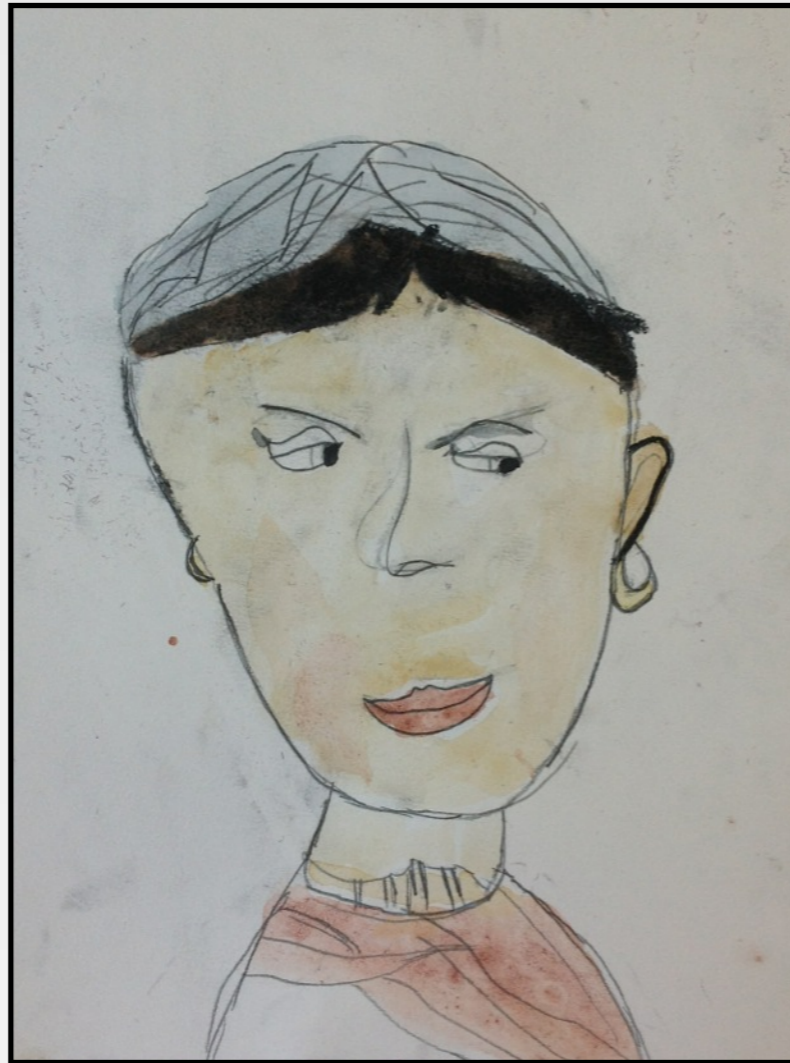


Frida Kahlo

1907-1945



**Sarai
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Introduction

Famous Quotation: "I only want three things in life: to live with Diego, continue painting, and belong to the Communist Party."

Best known for:
Kahlo's artwork and writing a diary.

What I find interesting:
When she got polio, she did many sports, even boxing!

3 Key Qualities:

1. Overcame Hardship
2. Perseverance
3. Impact: how things are different today

I chose this person because...
I heard of Kahlo and I wanted to learn more about her because before I didn't know much about her.

Overcame a Hardship/Challenge

In 1913, Frida Kahlo got polio. She was only 6 years old. She had to stay in bed for a long time and soon got bored and decided to paint and draw.

This reminds me of Wilma Rudolph when she got polio too!! She was 3 years old but that didn't stop her from running around and playing.



Showed Compassion and Empathy

In 1910, before Frida started art, Mexico was going through the Mexican Revolution, which was a war with lots of deaths. Frida was helping the Mexicans out with the war, by raising money for the war. The Mexican Revolution was a war where the Mexicans didn't like being treated like slaves so the people declared war against the Mexican government.

That made her think more about art because there was a lot of dying in the war, and most of Frida's paintings were about her life and sadness.



Demonstrated Bravery/Took Action

Girls normally wouldn't become famous artists in Mexico, but Frida did. She inspired other girls and ladies to become famous artists, scientists, and authors. Frida often did what she wanted and would wear overalls and other people would make rude comments.

I think that Frida kind of also demonstrated bravery because boys would say "No, since you're a girl you can't do it!" and "Boys can only do that, so HA!" She reminded me of Amelia Earhart taking action by showing that girls can also drive airplanes.



Persevered

She liked looking at plants and animals when she was a child. Sometimes her dad would take her to the park and Kahlo would pick up the rocks from rivers and lakes, and maybe that's why she drew nature her paintings. This inspired her to include nature in her art.

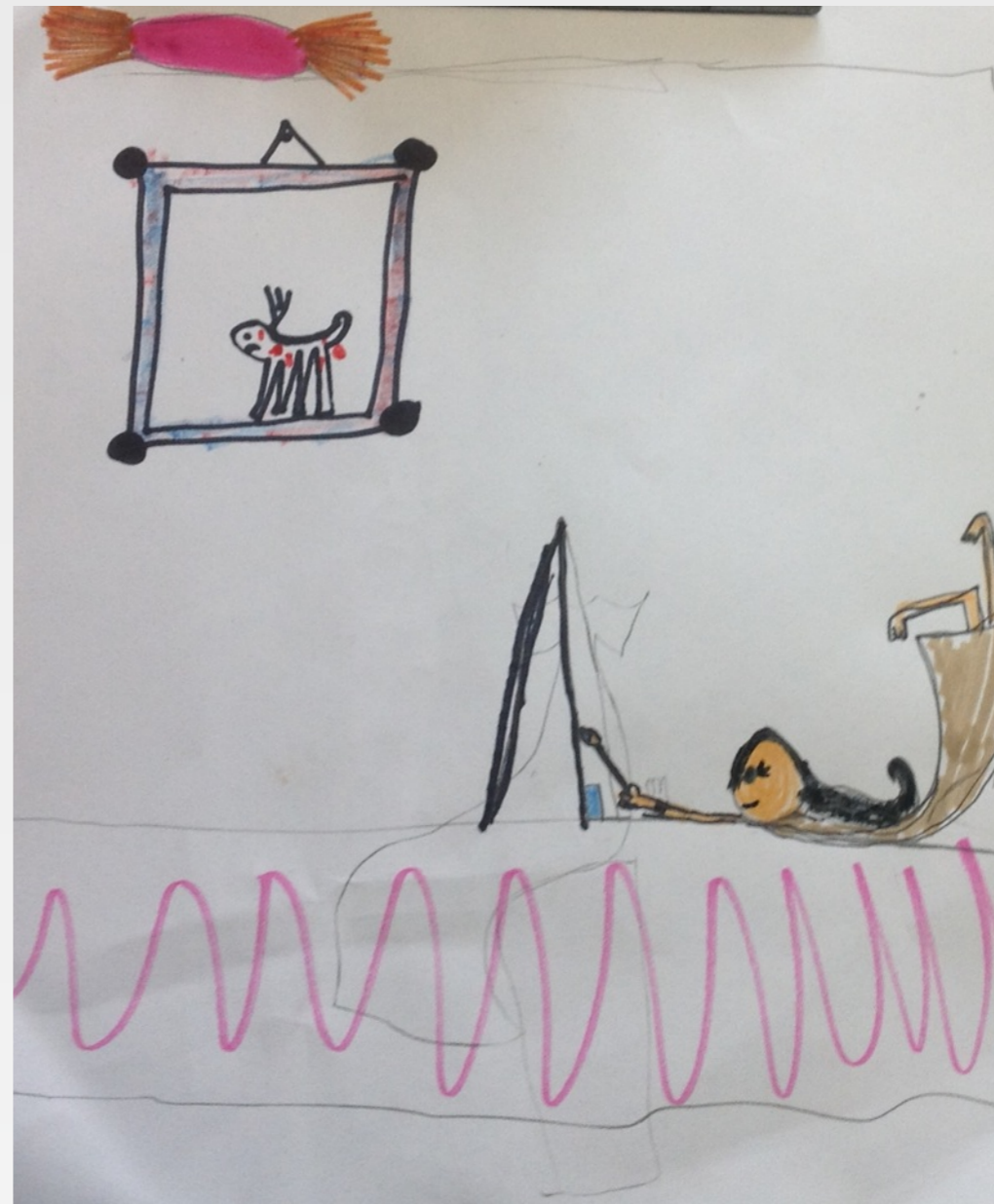
I think that she really worked hard to learn about plants and animals because she believed in herself. Rachel Carson also persevered by trying to protect nature by telling people DDT was bad.



Impact: How Things are Different Today

She liked painting sad things about her life because of the polio, the bus accident, not having any children, the divorce with Rivera. That made art change.

That changed all of art history because mostly artists would do happy things but Kahlo did sad things and that encouraged artists to do sad things and happy things.



Viewed Problems as Opportunities

The doctors thought that she wasn't going to survive the bus accident. But she did. She had to stay in bed for a long time and soon got bored and that's when she started art.

I think that she believed in herself and that was good. Even though she was in a lot of pain, she still believed in herself and hope.



Communicated and Shared

One of her paintings, called the "The Two Fridas," (1939) showed two of herself in dresses. One Frida was wearing German clothing and the other was in Mexican clothing. Only the Mexican Frida's heart was whole showing she only loved the Mexican part of her.

This makes me think that you should love the culture you want to love not what other people think.



Author Talk

I'm similar to my Change Maker because I had strep throat once and I had to stay home for about 1 week and a half and I got bored.

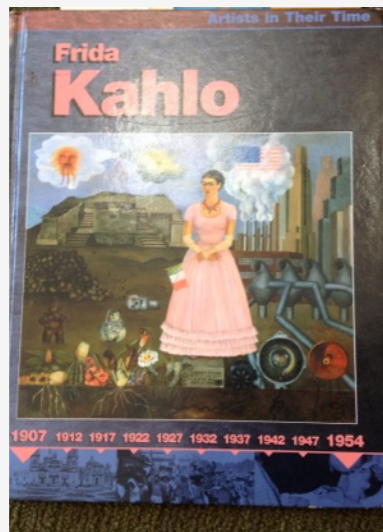
I'm a Change Maker when I show compassion and empathy to my friends.

My Change Maker is connected to Wilma Rudolph because she got polio when she was 3.



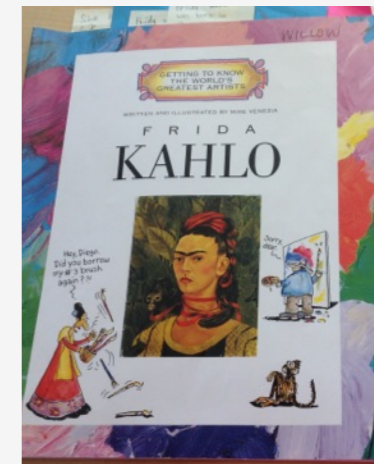
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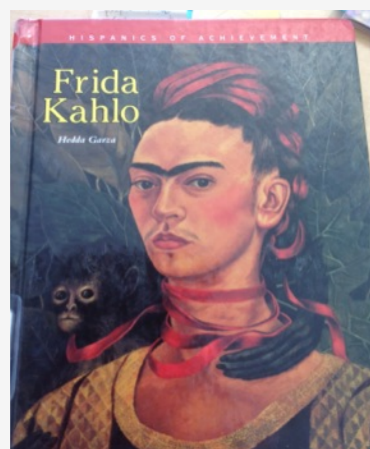


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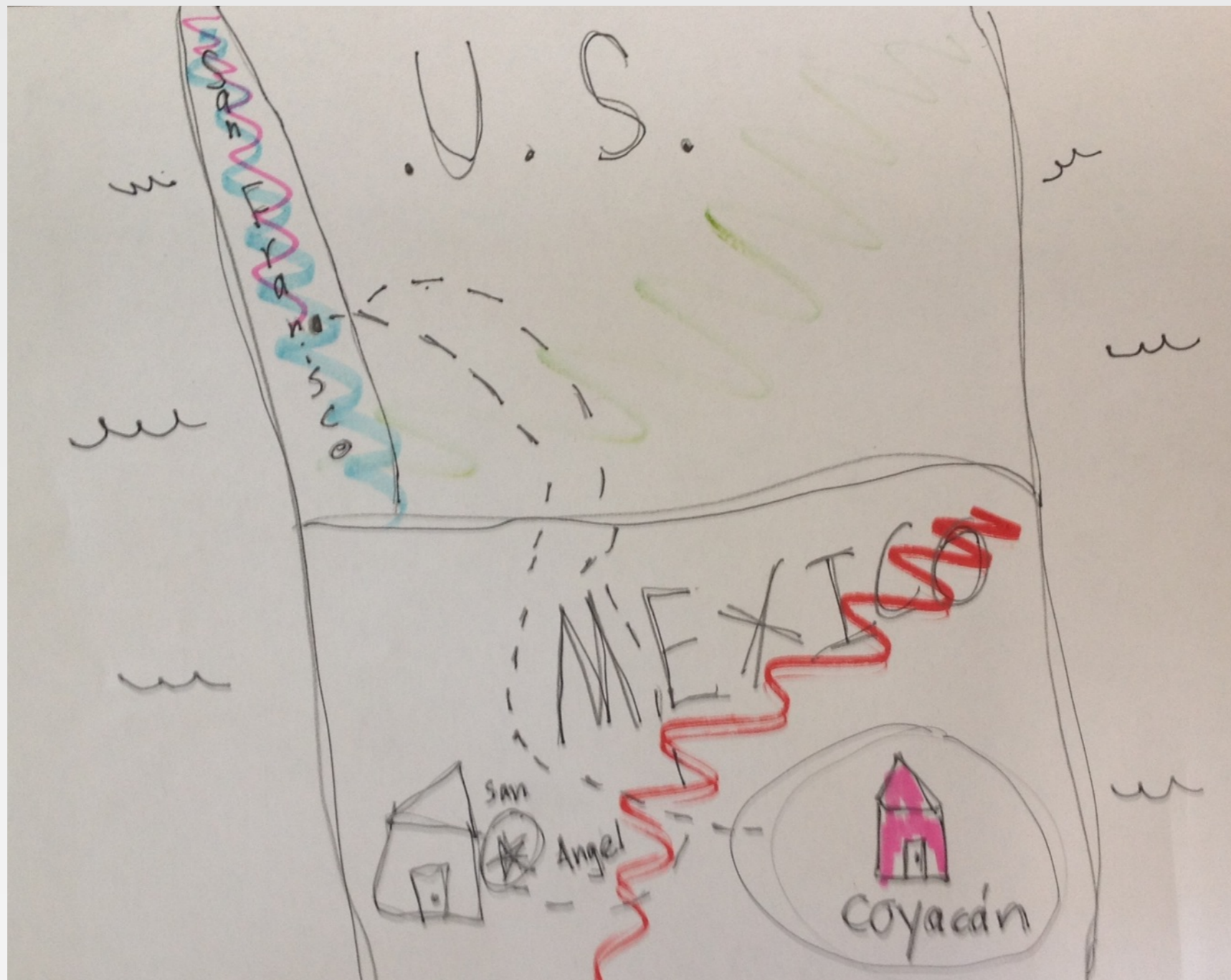
A Change Maker is:
Someone who changes the world by for example: inventing.

Polio: Polio is a disease that affects the brain and body and can lead to death.

Affair: Affair means that some boy or girl dates another boy or girl. Think of it as cheating on the other person.

Accident: Accident means that something happens but they didn't do it for fun.

Map



Author's Note

You and 2 other Change Makers that share the same racial, ethnic and/or cultural connection.

Sarai

Laura Oser

She made a life in the U.S. and succeeded.

David Gunn

Owned a business and was one of the few Jewish families and succeeded in California.

