



## Thomas Graves, ArtSeed Presenter's Packet

**BIO: Thomas Graves** has a Commercial Arts degree and an Animation Associates degree from Collins College in Tempe, Arizona. While serving in the military, he worked as a cartoonist for the local newspaper in Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He has a passion for all forms of art and lives in San Francisco. Thomas loves volunteering for worthy causes and anything art-related is at the top of his list. <https://www.deviantart.com/graves1970>

**ArtSeed Statement:** I have been involved with ArtSeed since fall 2020. The artists in this collective have inspired me to work with at-risk children. ArtSeed definitely benefits the community. Its focus on excellence supports important causes.

### Thomas Graves animation:

[https://youtube.com/watch?v=z4zDVNZNO\\_k&feature=share](https://youtube.com/watch?v=z4zDVNZNO_k&feature=share)



### Lesson #1:

**Title:** One-Line Zen Art

**Date:** 4/24/21

**Time:** 3-4 p.m.

**Artist:** Thomas Graves

**Materials Prep:** Pen or pencil plus any kind of paper.

**Introduction/Goals:** Use one line drawing to simplify the complex world around us. By trusting spontaneous instinct, eliminating interruptions, and fussy details, you will experience the freedom of the one-line drawing process.

**Activity:** Students will draw the first thing that comes to mind when pen or pencil touches paper and will not pick up pen or pencil until the drawing is done.

**Vocabulary:** Relaxation, minimalism

**Closing:** Towards the end of class, students can share their artwork, hear responses, and answer any questions.

**Successes:** Students will find that there is no wrong approach or outcome to an art project.

**Challenges:** It may be difficult to remember not to lift the pen or pencil.

**California State Standards:** PK.VA:Cn10: Explore the World using Descriptive & Expressive Words & Art-making

**Relevant Artists and Related Material:** Pablo Picasso, Natasha Billinger, Michelle Gemmeke

