

## Artist Statement

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In Art class we learned about the tradition and process of making mandalas. My assignment was to create a mandala for my sketchbook cover that represents me. A mandala is a circle drawing. Mandala art is found all over the world. In Sanskrit, mandala means circle.

I created my mandala by tracing 8 circles. Then I filled in the circle and the rest of the page with different designs. When I colored my mandala, I made sure to try to blend colors and watch my pencil direction.

Then symbols I included are waves and four human figures. I included waves because the beach is my favorite place to be. Also, swimming in the ocean brings me peace. I incorporated four human figures to represent my three siblings and me. Two of them are girl symbols because they are me and my sister. The other two are my brothers. Each figure has a letter which represents the beginning of each of our names. Also, around the outside of the circles are the lyrics to "Next to You."

One thing that was difficult about this assignment was thinking of designs to fill up the space. I overcame it by looking around for inspiration. I think I did an especially good job of thinking of different designs to draw.