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To capture the “vibrant and alive and messy” nature of teen brains, our artist

spent a day splattering watercolor paint on sheets of paper.
Art by *Sam Hundley*.