5: Salvador Dali
Salvador Dali was a Spanish artist known for his avant-garde techniques and unimaginable representations of the real world. Working as a member of the Surrealist Movement, Dali’s earliest paintings reflected subject matter similar to the bizarre world of dreams. Incorporating optical illusions, geometry, meticulous details, and fantastic brilliance within paintings, Dali worked to confuse the viewer and question their state of mind. He later worked to become a notorious artist whose outgoing personality and exaggerated appearances reflected his surrealist explorations and limitless imagination.

Examine It:
The Persistence of Memory (1931), oil on canvas, located at the Museum of Modern Art (New York)
https://www.moma.org/collection/works/79018

Re-create It:
Materials
- paper plate
- paint or markers
- construction paper
- glue

Procedure
1. Inspired by Dali’s painting The Persistence of Memory, the composition displays clocks that seem to melt away and other unrealistic representations of everyday life. It’s time to create your own version of this masterpiece!
2. Crumple up a paper plate and bend into a wavy pattern.
3. Paint or color around the outside ridged portion of the plate with a single color, or multiple colors.
4. Paint or color the two clock arms, and two circles (one big, one small) onto a piece of construction paper, and then cut them out.
5. Glue the larger circle to the top center of the paper plate. Glue the clock arms onto the center of the plate with the smaller circle in the center connecting the two arms.
6. Cut numbers out of different colored construction paper. Make them skewed or wavy.
7. Glue them around the plate making sure that the numbers are not placed too perfectly.
8. Let dry, and then display your melting clocks.