Rc-AM,C-Taino-Design grammar

It is understandable that the Tainos did not reach the level of Mayan or Aztec civilizations in developing a natural language. However, it is possible that Taíno geometric motifs on pottery and sculptures of wood and stone symbolize perceptions of natual phaenomena. These symbols are integrated into a rhythmic and repetitive design grammar, and therefore each individual "symbol” should not be perceived as standing alone.

For example, the circle with a center point, a sign that is very abundant in Taíno art, is perhaps the symbol of the sun or a deity representing the solar world. It may also symbolize the male aspect of nature, or the “Unity of Things.” or it is a phallic symbol, a seed, a male symbol of fertility. Its cognate sign with the circle now stretched into a lozenge and its centerpoint also` extended into a center line within this lozenge, may be considred as a vulva or feminine principle of fertility.

Gestalt psychology tries to understand the laws of our ability to acquire and maintain meaningful perceptions in an apparently chaotic world. The central principle of gestalt psychology is that the mind forms a [global whole](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holism) with self-organizing tendencies.

This principle maintains that when the human mind (perceptual system) forms a percept or gestalt, the whole has a reality of its own, independent of the parts. The original famous phrase of Gestalt psychologist Kurt Koffka, "The whole is *other* than the sum of the parts" is often incorrectly translated[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gestalt_psychology" \l "cite_note-1) as "The whole is *greater* than the sum of its parts" and thus used when explaining gestalt theory, and further incorrectly applied to [systems theory](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Systems_theory).[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gestalt_psychology" \l "cite_note-2) Koffka did not like the translation. He firmly corrected students who replaced "other" with "greater". "This is not a principle of addition" he said.[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gestalt_psychology" \l "cite_note-3) The whole has an independent existence.

In the domain of [perception](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Perception), Gestalt psychologists stipulate that perceptions are the products of complex interactions among various stimuli. Contrary to the [behaviorist](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Behaviorist) approach to understanding the elements of cognitive processes, gestalt psychologists sought to understand their *organization* (Carlson and Heth, 2010). The **gestalt effect** is the capability of our brain to generate whole forms, particularly with respect to the visual recognition of global figures instead of just collections of simpler and unrelated elements (points, lines, curves...).

In psychology, gestaltism is often opposed to [structuralism](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Structuralism_(psychology)). Gestalt theory allows for the deconstruction of the whole situation into its elements, what it really is.[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gestalt_psychology" \l "cite_note-4)

In this regard, we have used the Gestalt Psychology or the Psychology of Forms to propose how: the object of art Taino must be considered or conceived of as a whole, and abstract signs in the representation must have a direct association with the other components that form the structure of the object. It would be contrary to break off the sign concept.

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| OLAC resources in and about the Wayuu language |

ISO 639-3: [guc](http://www.sil.org/iso639-3/documentation.asp?id=guc)

The combined catalog of all OLAC participants contains the following resources that are relevant to this language:

* [Primary texts](http://www.language-archives.org/language/guc" \l "primary_text)
* [Lexical resources](http://www.language-archives.org/language/guc" \l "lexical_resources)
* [Language descriptions](http://www.language-archives.org/language/guc" \l "language_descriptions)
* [Other resources about the language](http://www.language-archives.org/language/guc" \l "other_resources1)

Other known names and dialect names: Goajiro, Guajira, Guajiro, Uáira, Waiu, Wayu, Wayuunaiki

Use faceted search to [explore resources for Wayuu language](http://search.language-archives.org/search.html?q=Wayuu).

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