

Black is Beautiful

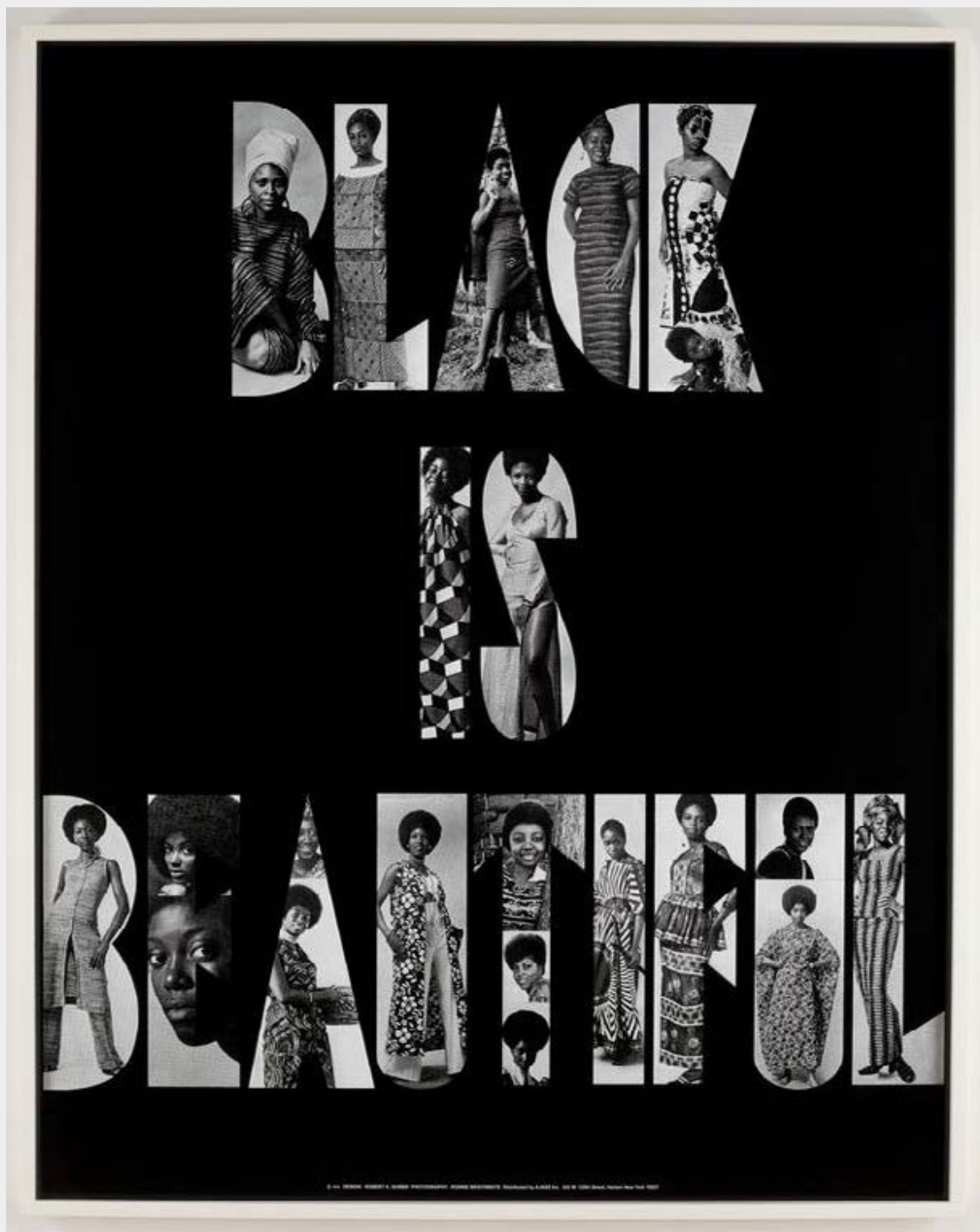
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Try this short quiz to explore artworks by visionary Black artists who captured the beauty and strength of Black people using various mediums like photography, printmaking, and painting.



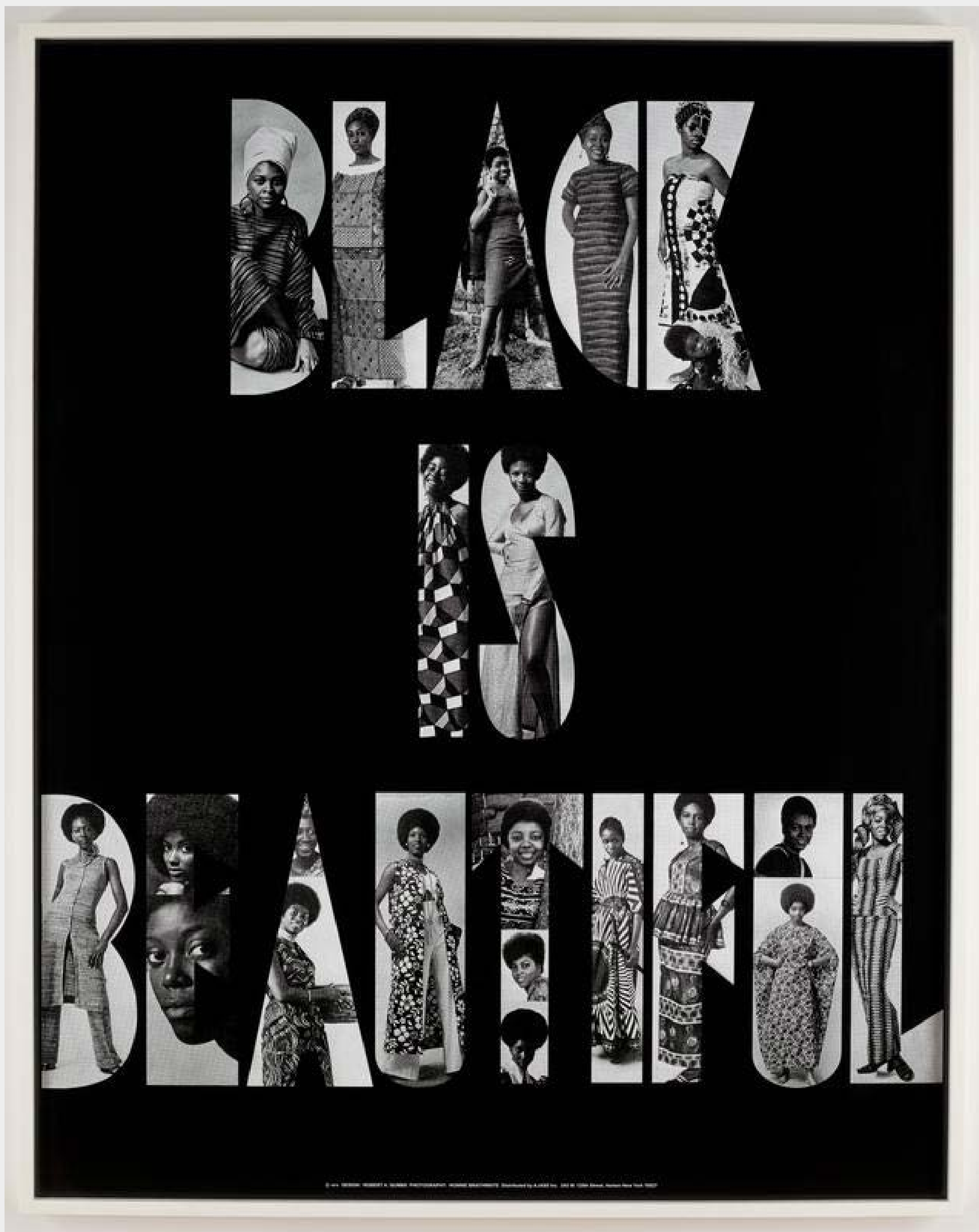


IN THE 1970S, IT WAS COMMON TO FIND IMAGES OF BLACK PEOPLE IN

(A) Magazines

(B) On TV

(C) None of the Above



Answer: C (None of the Above)

Noticing the lack of images of Black people in the media, the photographer Kwame Brathwaite partnered with fashion designers and artists to create beautiful images of Black people and make popular the slogan “Black is Beautiful.”

Kwame Brathwaite; Designer: Bob Gumbs, *Untitled (Black is Beautiful)*, 1970 (printed 2018), archival pigment print, The Shared Fund 2019.67



**PHOTOGRAPHER GORDON PARKS
THOUGHT OF HIS CAMERA AS A**

(A) Toy

(B) Weapon

(C) Friend



Answer: B (Weapon)

Gordon Parks said, “I chose my camera as my weapon against all the things I dislike about America—poverty, racism, discrimination.”

Gordon Parks, *A Choice of Weapons* (1966; repr., Minneapolis: Minneapolis Historical Society Press, 2010)

Gordon Parks, *Doll Test, Harlem, New York*, 1947 (printed 2020), gelatin silver print, Gift of Funds from Mary and Bob Mersky 2020.55.4

Gordon Parks, *American Gothic*, Washington, D.C., 1942, gelatin silver print, Gift of Frederick B. Scheel



THESE TWO ARTWORKS WERE
MADE BY THE SAME ARTIST.

A True

B False

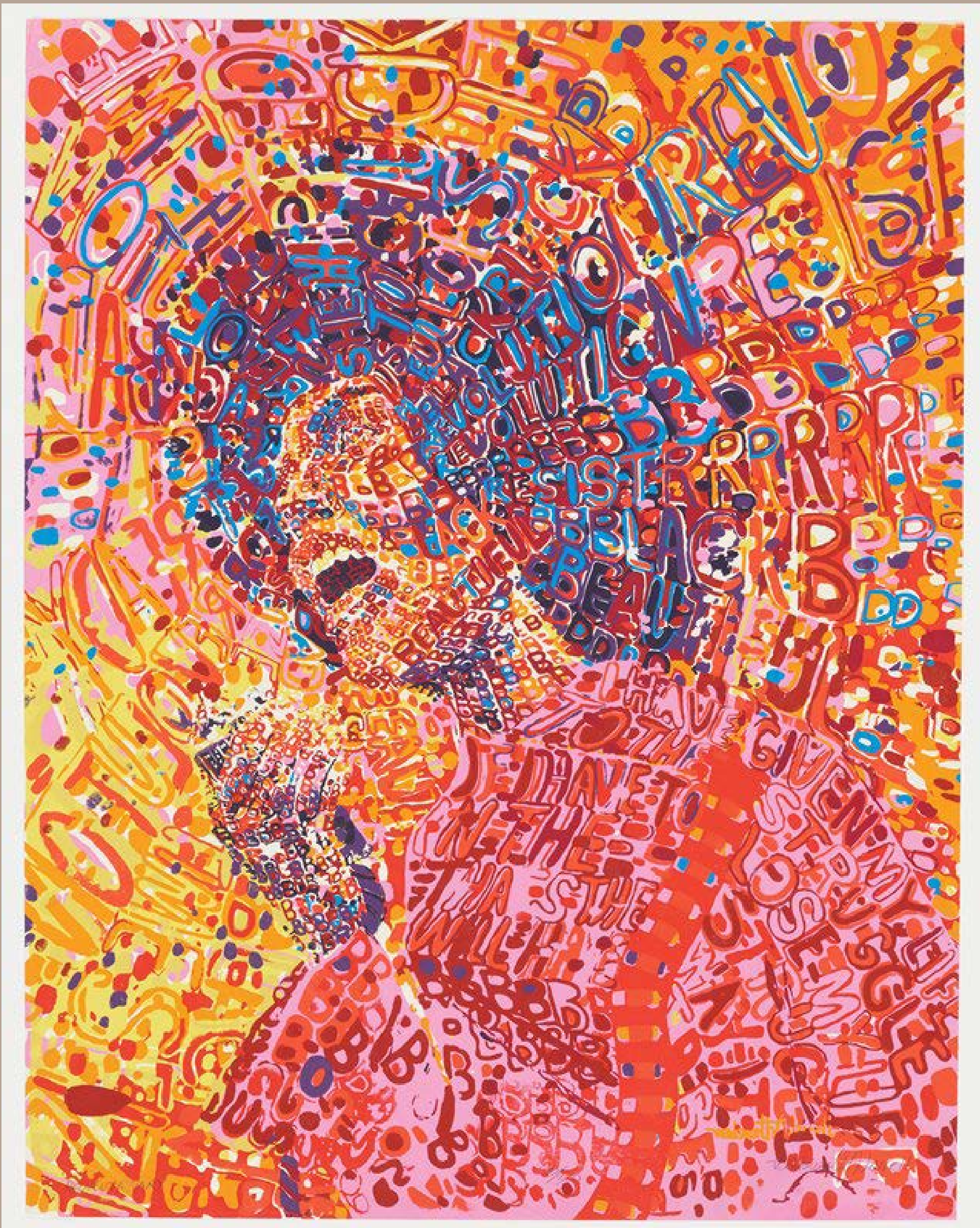


Answer: A (True)

Elizabeth Catlett's art highlighted the struggle, resilience, and beauty of Black people. *Sharecropper* (top) is one of her most famous artworks. *All the People* (bottom) was created 40 years later in 1992.

Elizabeth Catlett, *Sharecropper*, 1952 (printed c. 1952-57), color linocut on cream paper, The Ethel Morrison Van Derlip Fund P.97.1

Elizabeth Catlett, *All the People*, 1992, color lithograph, The Ethel Morrison Van Derlip Fund P.98.1.2.4



**THIS PORTRAIT OF ANGELA DAVIS
IS MADE UP OF LETTERS.**

(A) True

(B) False



Answer: A (True)

Expertly crafted by artist Wadsworth Jarrell, look closely to find words like “Revolution,” “Black,” and “Beautiful.” They represent ideas of Angela Davis, who continues her activism today.

Wadsworth Jarrell, *Revolutionary (Angela Davis)*(detail), 1972, color screenprint, Gift of Funds from Mary and Bob Mersky 2018.41

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