Sister Corita Kent

ART! TEXT! ACTION! The Power of Words in Art

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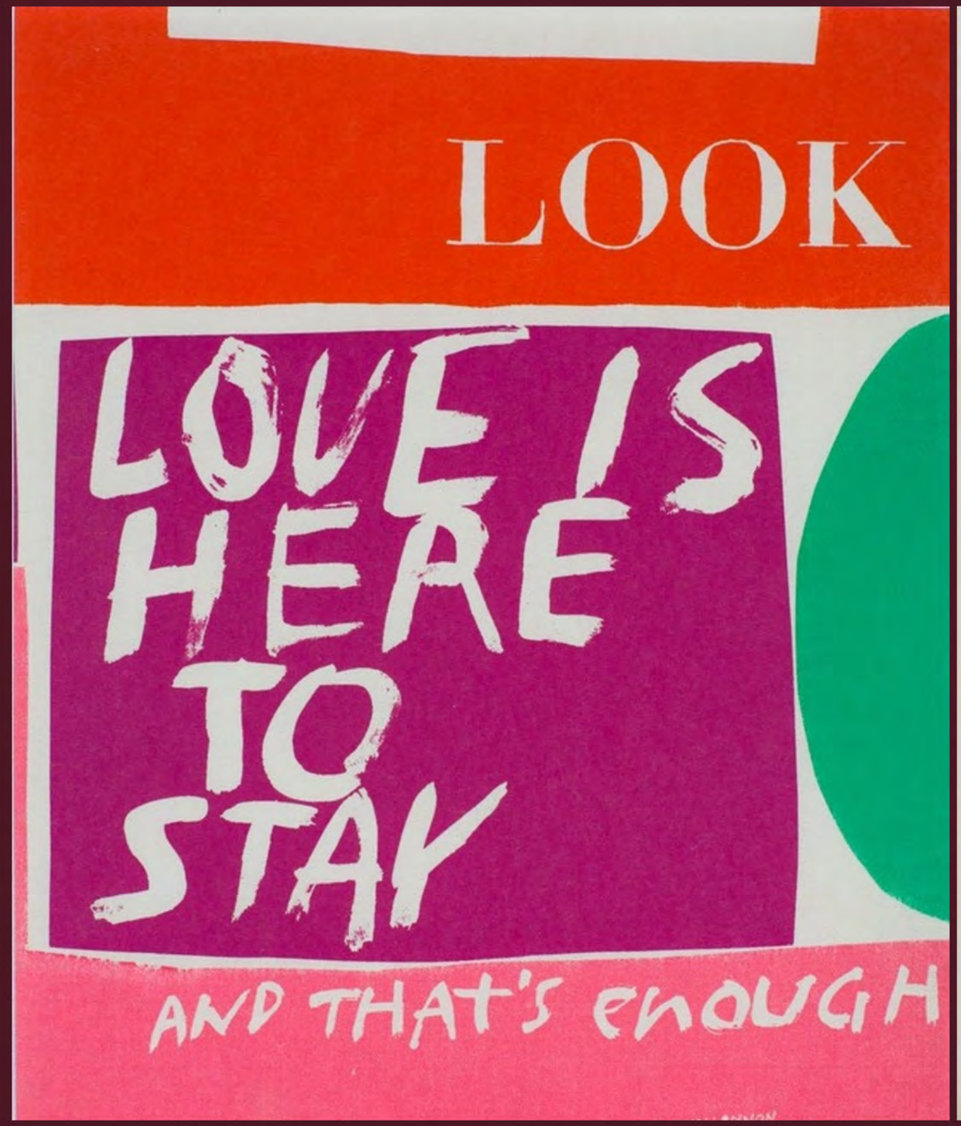
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Corita was a collaborator and supporter of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This artwork displaying Corita's handwritten title "The King is dead... Love Your Brother" is from her Heroes and Sheroes series. Corita also uses a quote from MLK's 1963 **Letter from Birmingham Jail** composed while he was incarcerated for protesting.

The print on the left by artist Joseph Holston is a cubist rendering of MLK writing his letter.

The Sixties

A Decade of Massive Change

- Sister Corita Kent's posters, murals, banners, and serigraphs spoke to a universal audience expressing messages of peace, love, faith, justice, hope and understanding.
- Her signature Pop Art style included bold colors, abstract images and text commenting on issues of poverty, racism and war. Repurposing poetry, advertising slogans and biblical verses, her work reflected on the popular culture and challenging times in America.
- Although she later left the Immaculate Heart of Mary order of nuns, Sister Corita's spirituality was at the heart of her art and activism.

> **Art can be a form of pleading, it can caution, it can recall us to the humanity within us.**
>
> *Sister Corita Kent*

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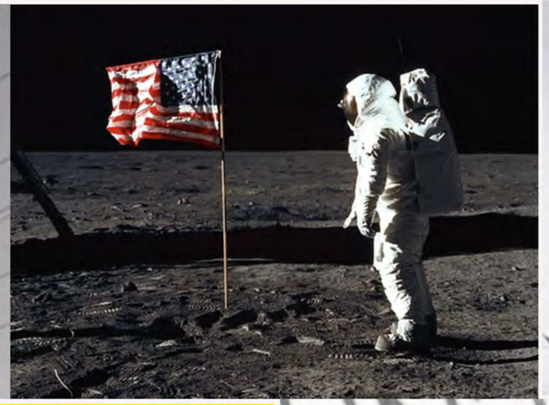
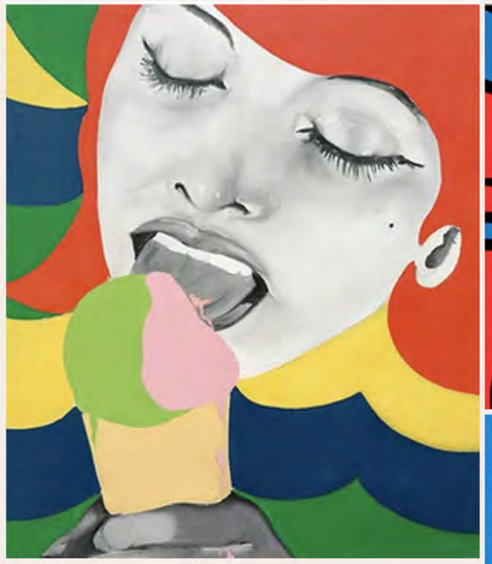


EQUALITY
THE TIME IS
NOW
DON'T BE A CLOWN TAKE WOMEN SERIOUSLY

THE BEATLES

The Supremes
THE BEAT GOES ON

Bob Dylan



1960's POP ART ARTISTS

These “ten rules” for art and life were created by Sister Corita and her art students.

IMMACULATE HEART COLLEGE ART DEPARTMENT RULES

Rule 1 FIND A PLACE YOU TRUST AND THEN TRY TRUSTING IT FOR A WHILE.

Rule 2 GENERAL DUTIES OF A STUDENT: PULL EVERYTHING OUT OF YOUR TEACHER. PULL EVERYTHING OUT OF YOUR FELLOW STUDENTS.

Rule 3 GENERAL DUTIES OF A TEACHER: PULL EVERYTHING OUT OF YOUR STUDENTS.

Rule 4 CONSIDER EVERYTHING AN EXPERIMENT.

Rule 5 BE SELF DISCIPLINED. THIS MEANS FINDING SOMEONE WISE OR SMART AND CHOOSING TO FOLLOW THEM.
TO BE DISCIPLINED IS TO FOLLOW IN A GOOD WAY.
TO BE SELF DISCIPLINED IS TO FOLLOW IN A BETTER WAY.

Rule 6 NOTHING IS A MISTAKE. THERE'S NO WIN AND NO FAIL. THERE'S ONLY MAKE.

Rule 7 The only rule is work. IF YOU WORK IT WILL LEAD TO SOMETHING. IT'S THE PEOPLE WHO DO ALL OF THE WORK ALL THE TIME WHO EVENTUALLY CATCH ON TO THINGS.

Rule 8 DON'T TRY TO CREATE AND ANALYSE AT THE SAME TIME. THEY'RE DIFFERENT PROCESSES.

Rule 9 BE HAPPY WHENEVER YOU CAN MANAGE IT. ENJOY YOURSELF. IT'S LIGHTER THAN YOU THINK.

Rule 10 "WE'RE BREAKING ALL OF THE RULES. EVEN OUR OWN RULES. AND HOW DO WE DO THAT? BY LEAVING PLENTY OF ROOM FOR X QUANTITIES." JOHN CAGE

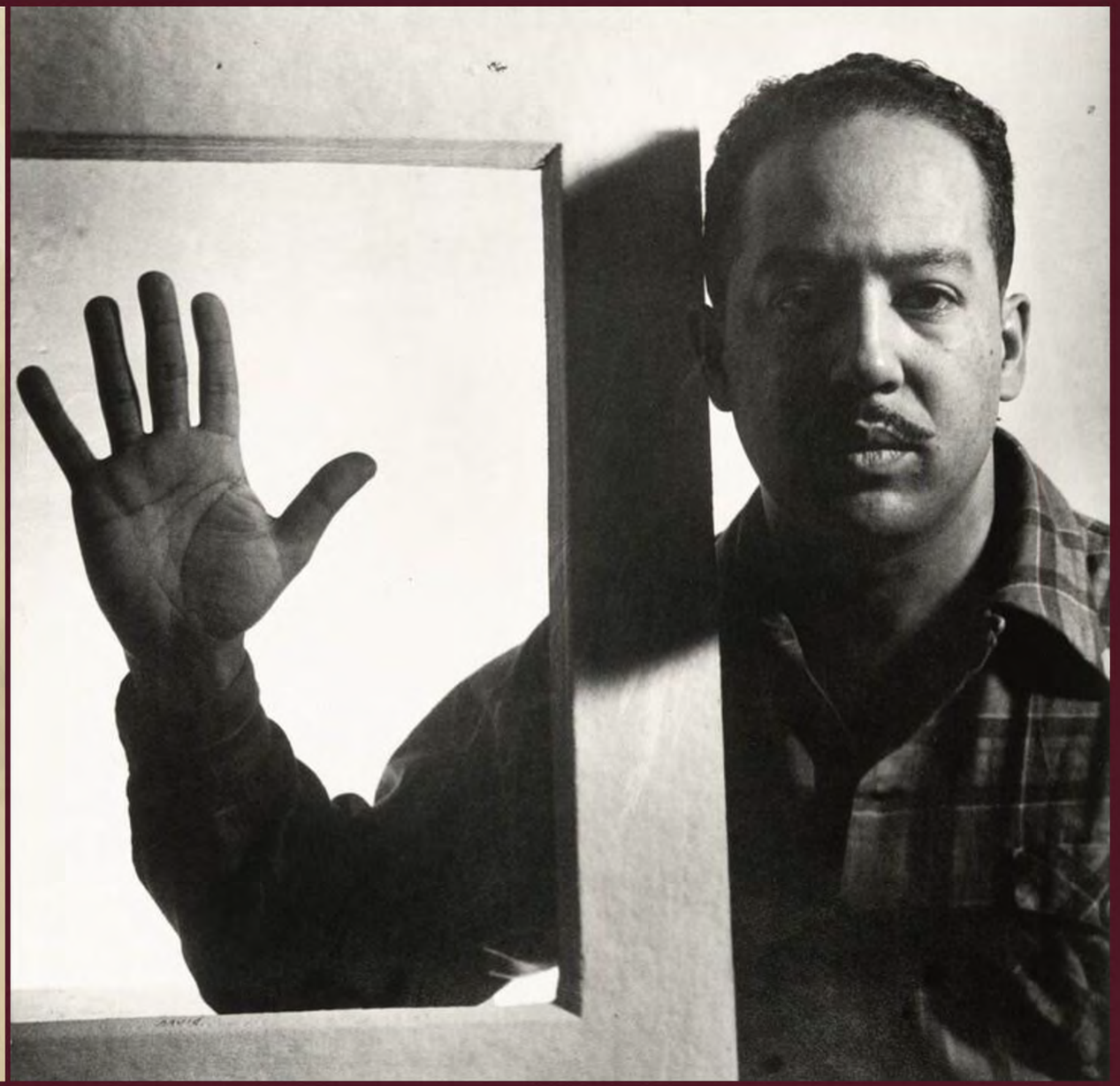
HELPFUL HINTS: ALWAYS BE AROUND. COME OR GO TO EVERYTHING. ALWAYS GO TO CLASSES. READ ANYTHING YOU CAN GET YOUR HANDS ON. LOOK AT MOVIES CAREFULLY, OFTEN. SAVE EVERYTHING - IT MIGHT COME IN HANDY LATER.
THERE SHOULD BE NEW RULES NEXT WEEK.

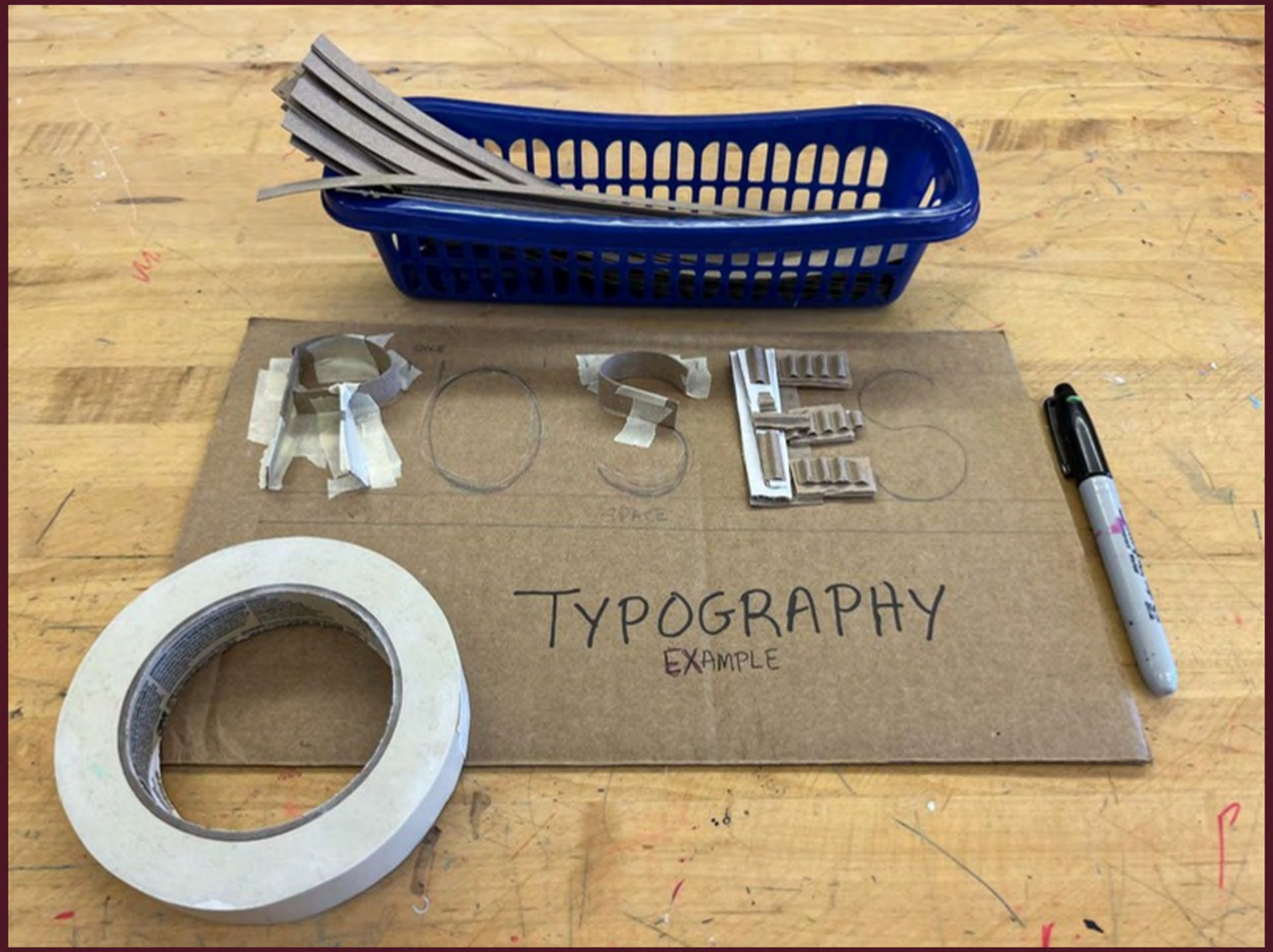
Dreams

LANGSTON HUGHES

Hold fast to dreams
For if dreams die
Life is a broken-winged bird
That cannot fly.

Hold fast to dreams
For when dreams go
Life is a barren field
Frozen with snow.

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