

FEBRUARY ARTIST OF
THE MONTH
LORNA SIMPSON

WHO IS LORNA SIMPSON?

Meet the artist who creates powerful artworks
with photographs and words



Lorna Simpson is an American artist, born in 1960, who lives and works in New York.

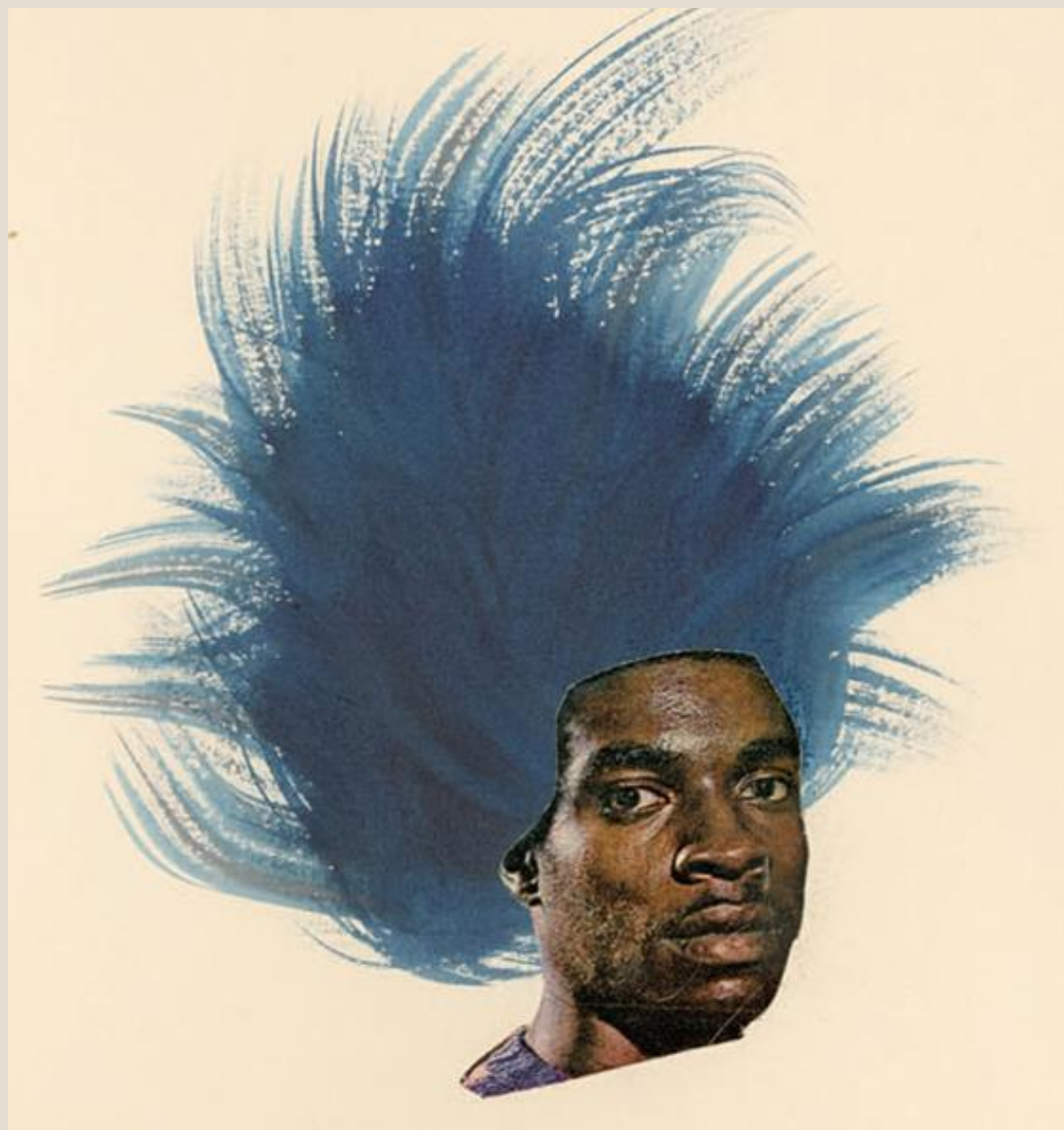
She uses photography, video and collage to explore identity – which means what makes us who we are – using her own experiences as a Black woman to inspire her work.

She started off taking photographs of things she saw around her – but soon realised that she wanted more directly to explore the ideas and issues that she felt strongly about. So she began to take carefully posed photographs in her studio. By putting words alongside the photographs she could express even more powerfully what she felt.



Lorna Simpson created a book – and part of the book is about hair – and there are photos of heads covered with gems and minerals – relating to Earth and Sky. There are piles of jumbled words and phrases in the hair. Lorna Simpson made these images because she wanted to show that the 'hair' is impossible to contain. It is an honour to irrepressible stature of Black Hair.







Arty Task



Take a photo or cut a picture out of a magazine and add some crazy hair.
- Use colouring pencils, pens, paint, chalk, anything you want.

