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## 1 | Prompt

### Assignment guidelines

After reading and analyzing Kincaid's book, you have a better understanding of rhetorical purpose and tone.

In addition to your pastiche, please provide a short reflection. You should explain your rhetorical purpose.

### Prompts

Conflicts in identity and place: In *A Small Place* Kincaid describes a conflicted relationship with identity and place.

Responsible travel: Kincaid begins her text with a mockery of "you," an assumed pasty-faced (read: white) tourist.

3. Solutions for issues based in poverty: Critiques of philanthropy often suggest it is motivated by a desire for

### 1.1 | pt 1

Provide details about the following:

- 1) What prompt have you selected? (There are three options)
- 2) What rhetorical devices or stylistic choices are you drawn to from Kincaid's *A Small Place*? (you need to choose at least 5)
  - Parentheses
  - 1st and 2nd person
  - Criticism
  - Sarcasm/Irony
  - Repetition
  - Contrast / Juxtaposition
  - Long sentences (multiple clauses)
  - Guilt/Shame
  - Rhetorical Questions
- 3) To whom will you address your pastiche?

### 1.2 | Out. Lining.

const I = 'I'

Main idea: address to Canadian immigration office

Identify crisis in that hate America but love America?

Crap on America, while saying "But it's my homeeee :( (wwoe is me)"

- the bad.

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- the good?
- formal immigration document
  - start with “imagine you move to America,” second person
    - talk about how truth gets destroyed due to fake news and such
    - talk about the obesity rates, and ect.
    - talk about the land of dreams
    - talk about the innovation, and how to be successful this is the best place to do it.
  - now imagine you are me, and see that nothing’s changed.
  - maybe: talk about how in modern times, I can escape the bad and still have access to the good?

### 1.3 | Righting Thyme.

Imagine you lived in America. Where the sun always shines (except when it doesn’t, but that doesn’t matter), where the rain is always refreshing, and where all dreams can come true. You look around and see America, the land of dreams! — Of freedom, of innovation, of equality, ect. You notice the air is filled with hope (it’s almost sickly sweet, or maybe just sickly), and the eyes are filled with phones. You move on, not thinking too much about it, because how could some phones ruin (shatter your conception of) the magnificent, great, elitist land of America? The land of success, where all the tech giants reside — Apple, Amazon, Google — and you reside here too! You can’t pass that up for anything if you want to be successful like them. You watch the entertainment — the entertainment here is great! you think to yourself; the entertainment is reality. Or maybe it isn’t. Doesn’t matter. You talk with others in your gated bubble of a community (inescapable) about the latest crazy thing that someone, somewhere, did, all the while patting yourself on the back for being an intellectual, for being an informed citizen, for exercising your rights in this wonderful functioning (functioning?) democracy (not disagreeing, of course — that would be horrendous — only affirming beliefs here. But are they beliefs?). You become united, defined, under your shared “beliefs” with those in your bubble, (which you give a name, because the beliefs themselves are irrelevant), then find connection, maybe tribal connection, but connection nonetheless in being a part of whichever name you have given your belief system, but it’s all okay (of course), because you are having conversations, you are reading the news, you aren’t like those other people with their lies and false beliefs, their stubbornness and misinformation. You watch the news all day, all night, because you have to be an informed citizen, (popcorn out of frame in virtuous social media post), constantly being warned of fake news, of the fake news, of the other news. How do you find this news? Oh, well, that’s simple: does it fall under your ideology? Yes? Great. Send it your friends (with an inspirational message). Does it not? Great. Send it to your friends (with a laughing emoji or deep, sad message about the state of this country / the news / the society / your mental state. The news, the supposed reporters of reality, invade your society, your conversation, your home, your dinner table, your mind. Funny how each Marvel movie replaces the news for a short period. You watch it with glee, (or watch it with hate, looking down on those who enjoy this type of stuff instead of the educated, elitist media you consume) talk about it with others in your bubble, then, when the novelty fades, you go back to the news. What did you miss? Nothing; everything (doesn’t matter, no one else was talking about it anyways). You distract from your own problems (or your own emptiness) by sending disgust, not hate (but hate), towards those with a different name to their ideology — you are helping the world! Now you can keep wasting time and still feel fulfilled. Maybe water the plant too, that will get you a bit fulfillment, a bit more time you can waste without crumbling in your own un-impactfulness. Sometimes, rarely, you ‘converse’ with another human who disagrees with you (you aren’t used to this; you don’t like this; this doesn’t make you feel good, or included, or right).