

## What it means to be a girl

Based on the short story 'Girl' by Jamaica Kincaid, to be a girl means you need to know how to wash, iron, and sweep. First of all, to be a girl means that you must know how to wash. From the short story, a girl should wash the white clothes on Monday and put them on the stone heap; wash the color clothes on Tuesday and put them on the clothesline to dry. These instructions are given to a girl because girls and women are the one that should be responsible to do the washing. Second of all, a girl should know how to iron. The short story says this is how you iron your father's khaki shirt so that it doesn't have a crease this is how you iron your father's khaki pants so that they don't have a crease. This instruction is given to a girl because girls supposed to be the ones to iron their father's clothes. Lastly, a girl should know how to sweep. From the short story, a girl should sweep a corner, sweep a whole house, sweep a yard. This instruction is also given to a girl in order to keep the house well kept. A girl must know how to sweep, wash, and iron because it is their responsibility in the house.