

## **Introduction:**

Teaser: “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; don’t walk bare-head in the hot sun; cook pumpkin fritters in very hot sweet oil; soak your little cloths right after you take them off...”

Introduction: Women have been subject to scrutiny since the beginning of time. There are spoken, and unspoken, expectations that we are expected to uphold at absolutely *all times or else*. In their poem “Girl” by Jamaica Kincaid, they approach these expectations in a matter that causes readers to wade into the pool of thoughts that are evident in the minds of women after a man’s, as well as society’s, thoughts and expectations are repeatedly imprinted upon them in their early years of life. Female readers will relate and personally identify to Kincaid’s work of fiction, and others will be given the opportunity to spend a moment in time submerged in the reality of an every-day woman.

“Girl” by Jamaica Kincaid