

Barbie Doll by Marge Piercy – Reflection & Writing Activity

This modern poem challenges traditional expectations placed on girls and women. It explores how society shapes identity through appearance, behavior, and roles. Read the poem, then use the prompts below to explore your own thoughts and responses.

1. What lines from the poem stood out to you most? Why?
2. What do you think the speaker is trying to say about beauty or perfection?
3. In what ways do people today still face similar pressures?
4. Write a short poem or paragraph using one of the following titles:
 - 'They Told Me...'
 - 'Perfect'
 - 'Plastic Smile'