

ABSTRACT

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Jamaica Kincaid's *Girl* and Langston Hughes' *The Negro Mother* are black American's poems that put their subjects invariably voice women's concerns and the motherhood. These poems present about mother's struggle: self-sacrifice, hard work and fierce maternal love. These poems also tell about the portrait of black mother and children in relationship. Furthermore, this study uses the theory feminism approach which focuses on care-focused feminism and motherhood to analyze these poems. The concept of caring-focusing invoked the mother-infant or parent-child relationship as the paradigm for caring human relationships. Therefore, the maternal practice is chosen as the fundamental of caring-focusing and mothering. The maternal practice including: the preservation, growth, and acceptability of one's children or training. These three of maternal practice are appropriate to use in analyze and interpret these poems because these poems concentrated on mother-daughter relationship and the protection and survival of mothers for their children.

This study applies qualitative research design to analyze the source of data, and the key instrument is the writer herself. This study finds the concept of caring and focusing—the maternal practice— as mother's struggles is applied in Jamaica Kincaid's *Girl* and Langston Hughes's *The Negro Mother*. The preservation of mother is found in Jamaica Kincaid's *Girl* that including food, cloth, education and attention. The growth is found in Langston Hughes's *The Negro Mother* that revealed the Negro mother's experience story in her past life. And the last, acceptability of one's children or training is found in poem *Girl* by Jamaica Kincaid that including: manner of domesticity, manner of proper people and facing the patriarchy as the last one.

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