

CHILDHOOD: PAST & PRESENT

Prior to the 20th century, few people in Western civilization felt there was anything unusual or important about the early years of life. Most adults were almost totally unaware of the _____ of children. In North America people believed children differed from adults only in _____, _____, and _____. Childhood in the past was therefore quite different from today. Some of these differences have to do with changing _____ towards children while others are the result of advances in _____ and _____.

Some of these differences in child rearing practices can be seen in work, health, education, dress, love and play.

1. WORK THEN:

- Expected to work hard at an _____ age; mostly in farms and factories

WORK NOW:

- Today the job of children is to _____, learn and _____; child laws put in place to protect
- Children's jobs mainly include helping around _____ chores

2. HEALTH THEN:

- Many children died of _____

HEALTH NOW:

- Today many diseases are controlled through _____ advances, personal _____, and public health _____.
- Better _____ has helped children grow and thrive; however some still don't have enough food where others eat too many high-fat, high-sugar foods
- Lack of regular _____ is increasingly common, therefore resulting in childhood _____

3. EDUCATION THEN:

- _____ education did not become common until the _____
- Children of _____ ages and abilities were in _____ classroom

EDUCATION NOW:

- _____ has _____ learning options
- Schools work to meet the special needs of _____ students

4. DRESS THEN:

- Clothed like small _____ until 17th century
- Boys and girls wore petticoats, skirts, long curls until age 4 or 5

DRESS NOW:

- _____ by sex in this century; pink and blue, dresses and pants
- Today more practical, comfortable, provides freedom of movement

5. LOVE:

- One thing that hasn't changed is children's _____ for _____
- Most parents and caregivers work hard to build a good life for children and to _____ them as _____ or _____ people who are _____ and _____

6. PLAY:

- Has always been _____ to children
- Play is how children _____
- In the past there were _____ toys and they were _____ – homemade by hand
- Video and computer games first developed in 70's
- Today variety of toys seems endless-many are _____ and do not require the use of _____

