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Random Research, by Heather Gilbraith

These images all show a trend in differences of costume for children. In the 1600s children (at least aristocratic children) were often dressed exactly like little adults.



[Las Meninas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Las_Meninas), by Diego Velázquez (1656-57)

In Sargent's painting from the late 1800s, we see a trend toward more child-like play clothes:



[The Daughters of Edward Darley Boit](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Daughters_of_Edward_Darley_Boit), by John Singer Sargent (1882)

And in this photograph we see a 3-year old future Queen Elizabeth II wearing more modern age-appropriate children's fashion:



[Queen Elizabeth II and soon to be King George VI](http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1360124/The-Kings-Speech-Toddler-Queen-Elizabeth-cuddles-stuttering-father-George-VI.html), 1929

These images definitely show changing attitudes about childhood.

I also found [this really interesting looking PDF](http://www.corwin.com/upm-data/24504_Ch01.pdf) of a chapter from a book all about different views of childhood throughout history (from a British point of view, at least). I still have to find the time to sit down and read it, but it looks really informative.

[This link shows a quick overview of different styles of historical children's clothing](http://www.history.org/history/clothing/children/child01.cfm), including examples of children's stays, or corsets. I wish the images were a little bigger, though! Somewhere to start, at least.

[This article seems like a good starting point for a history of children's picture books](http://www.theatlantic.com/entertainment/archive/2012/02/a-brief-history-of-childrens-picture-books-and-the-art-of-visual-storytelling/253570/), at least from an American perspective.

[This article also provides a history of western children's books](http://www.writing-for-children.com/history.html), going back as far as the 1500s.

[This article reviews a book](http://www.umanitoba.ca/cm/vol17/no1/picturingcanada.html) that provides a history of Canadian Children's Books.

And finally, probably not helpful for our presentation, but an interesting blog post by James Gurney of Dinotopia fame (seriously, he's awesome, you guys should look at his stuff!) [discusses the problems with Illustration Art History](http://gurneyjourney.blogspot.ca/2011/02/why-is-there-no-illustration-history.html) and why it's difficult to make scholarly textbooks on the subject. Very interesting.

I'll keep posting interesting things as I find them. Good luck with your research, everyone!