

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

BLUE BOOK

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You don't need to restate question.

#### IV. - Changing Perceptions of the Nature of Children in the 18th and 19th century and the Influence of These Changes on Child Rearing Practices.

In both the Southern Colonies and the Northern Colonies, the child was looked upon in the 1700's as being depraved. <sup>Acc. to this view,</sup> ~~that~~ the child had a basically evil nature, <sup>and ~~that~~ the parents' responsibility was to</sup> overcome this nature and bring the child to God.

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Typical of the 1700's ideas of childhood, also, was the idea that they were miniature adults. Children's clothing reflected this. Until the child was about 5 or 6 years old, both the boy and the girl were dressed in dresses. at that time, the dress came off the boy and the father took over.

There was no "hovering maternity" in the Puritan family because there was too much to ~~do~~. Puritan mothers could expect to only raise half of 8 children born to <sup>them</sup> ~~her~~, and it has been theorized that because of the possible loss of children in death, that parents held themselves more aloof from their children.