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CONCEPT OF WOMEN IN CHILDREN'S TEXBOOKS .

Dr. Ilham Kallab examines and analyses the role and image of women as they are portrayed in children's textbooks. The research will study woman's relationship to the family and community and the stereotypes of the interests and tasks depicted as appropriate for her. What are we teaching our children? How are we preparing our girls for their future role? Is the concept portrayed in the text the real image? Is it a traditional one?

In examining what is related to the role and image of women in children's textbooks, the following factors need to be analysed:

- 1. Social factor (womanhood)
 2. Economic factor (work)
 3. Relation factor (family)
 4. Cultural factor (thaught)
- 5. Philosophical factor (the concept)

It is hoped that the findings might give us more insight into these issues and develop an awareness among those who write books for children, of new attitudes and developments.