In summary, childhood is a social construction as shown by how it’s subject to change over time, location and groups, with many sociologists claiming that it has been a recent development born out of industrialisation and other social changes in which children are branded vulnerable and unable to cope with the adult world, which results in an attempt to shelter them from it; this is becoming increasingly difficult, however, due to the availability of information and the mass media. The ‘march of progress’ view states that children benefit in today’s society, whilst child liberationists claim that they face oppression and age patriarchy. It is from these viewpoints, as well as the beliefs that childhood may be disappearing (due to falling births and death rates, resulting in an ageing population) and even western ideals even being imposed (through the western ideal) on other nations that it is clear childhood is most definitely not a fixed period.