

Potential RESEARCH TOPICS in the Elaine J. O'Quinn Girls' Studies Collection

- Representations of marriage to girls and how they move them from independent to subordinate positions
- Girls under the care of men
- Road map of societal expectations of girls
- Girls as self-sacrificing
- WACS/WAVES in military
- Female perspectives of WW II
- Girls and College Life
- Importance of Friendship to girls
- Military plots and why girls were so taken with them
- Comparisons of boys/girls books in variety of ways
- Body Image
- Sexuality vs. Sexualization
- Space and geography of the body and gender coded spaces
- Vagabond lifestyle of the depression and gender images
- Value of labor and financial dependence or independence
- Girls' relationships to the outdoors
- Slipping and sliding of girls "progress" over time and eras
- Ideological foundations and development of social hierarchy and supremacy
- Hidden ideologies of new social order for multicultural world, especially as seen in Campfire Girls series and differences among them
- Sexist rhetoric
- Girls and various professions, careers, & workforce issues
- Racism and depictions of "Othering"
- Class issues among girls
- Literacy habits of girls
- Movie and media industry and girls
- Consumerism
- Stereotypes
- Issues of bullying and exclusion
- School issues for girls
- Unorthodox agency and freedom
- Orphan girls
- Propaganda devices and girls
- Financial concerns of girls
- Cover artwork
- Internal illustrations and sketches and the cover art of texts for girls
- Character growth
- Girls as athletes
- Girls finding their freedom in autos and aviation
- Art and images
- History of Illustrations
- Girl Scouts vs. Boy Scouts books