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Free History Lecture at WLU on Middle  
Class Girlhood in 19th Century England

Deborah Gorham, well respected for her research on the history of Victorian England, will give a lecture Jan. 15 at Wilfrid Laurier University.

She will speak about the image of women in nineteenth century England and how that image has changed through history. With the aid of many diaries dating from the 19th century, Prof. Gorham will illustrate, at a personal level, how young girls were educated and how they viewed their lives. Her insights will give an interesting background for today's feminist movement.

"Women in the Victorian era were expected to be romantic, weak, and sensitive," said Dr. Arlene Guinsburg, history professor at WLU. "It is against these images that many in the current women's liberation movement are fighting."

Prof. Gorham's speech, *Creatures born to be love visible: Middle Class girlhood in 19th century England*, is the third in a series of lectures sponsored by the WLU history department. The next lecture will be Feb. 11 on *Cultural Imperialism for the Semi-literate: American Comic Books in Canada, 1939-1960*. John Thompson, a professor from McGill University, will give the lecture.

Lectures will be at 8 p.m. in the Paul Martin Centre, formerly known as the Mezzanine, and admission is free.