

The Relationship between Post-adolescent Daughters and Middle-age Mothers

– Focusing on daughters interested in certain subcultures –

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This study explores the relationship between post-adolescent daughters and middle-age mothers, focusing on daughters interested in certain subcultures (e.g., manga, animation). The author interviewed eight such daughters and analyzed the data using the modified-grounded theory approach. The results show that such daughters and mothers experience conflict in that the mothers find it difficult to understand their daughters' establishment of independence and where the daughters are worried about the mother aging. Other than this, daughters and mothers are aware of the differences between them, one of them being the daughters' interest in certain subcultures. These findings imply the need to make mothers and daughters more aware of such differences.