

ABSTRACT

The aim of this master thesis is to evaluate selected aspects of Romany culture, primary those which influence the school success of Romany children. Through qualitative survey, the information gained from reference books are compared with the information which were gained from Romany pupils attending special primary school in Prague. The thesis includes two parts, a theoretical and a practical one.

The theoretical part is divided in two chapters. The first one deals with selected aspects of Romany culture which influence the education of Romany children. The aspects primary include the traditional Romany family and the upbringing of children, the specifics of Romany psyche and mentality and characteristic way of life. The second chapter is focused on education of Roma children and on the problems of these children in Czech schools. There are also mentioned some of the supportive measures which should help those children to overcome their problems and to integrate them in the mainstream society.

The practical part of the thesis includes an analysis of the information resulting from interviews with ten Romany pupils who are attending special primary school.