



20th –CENTURY ETIQUETTE FOR CHILDREN

Etiquette is a set of rules, manners and good behavior that makes life more pleasant and comfortable for everyone. Here are some manners that were considered polite in the early 20th century. Practice using these manners while roleplaying as your character.

1. **Respect Your Elders.**
 - a. Always address someone older than you as sir or ma'am.
 - b. Always use polite words like please and thank you.
2. **Properly greet and say goodbye to everyone that you encounter.**
 - a. "Hello." and "How are you?" Are proper ways of greeting people that you meet.
 - b. Always smile.
 - c. Always stand up to greet guests in your home.
3. **Always speak like a proper young lady or gentleman.**
 - a. Speak loud enough for people to understand. Do not mumble.
 - b. Speak slowly so you can think before you speak.
 - c. Do not use an accent that is not your natural voice.
 - d. If you use slang words, make sure they are accurate to your time. (see attached sheet)
4. **Maintain a proper appearance.**
 - a. Keep your clothes clean and neat looking at all times.
 - b. Keep your hair combed, nails clean, and shoes looking nice.
5. **Maintain proper decorum especially while in the house.**
 - a. Never run up and down the stairs or across the room.
 - b. Sit with ankles (not legs) crossed.
 - c. Do not fidget.
 - d. Sit up straight.
6. **Treat other children with respect.**
 - a. Share your toys.
 - b. Offer to teach what you are doing.
 - c. Do be condescending to younger children.