



George Washington's Rules of Civility Student Notebook

*110 Rules to encourage critical
thinking, written expression,
thoughtful discussion and good
penmanship*

A Note to the Instructor

Studying these rules with students can afford many benefits to both teacher and student. Not the least of which is an opportunity to discuss everyday issues such as the appropriate way to greet people, or how to handle moments of potential embarrassment. Washington's beautiful prose of days gone by, also provides opportunities to hone reading comprehension skills and to improve writing skills as students rewrite (or verbally express) the meaning of each rule in their own words.

For the most part, the original words and punctuation are used. However, I have minimally edited the text to enable students to readily tackle the meaning of the rule, without being confused for example, by some instances of words that are spelled differently today and have a completely different meaning - or words that represent a common misspelling by today's standards but was correct during Washington's youth.

- ❑ To strengthen comprehension skills, students may read each rule on their own and then attempt to rewrite it in their own words. Alternatively, you may begin instruction with a discussion of the rule and its meaning.
- ❑ Have students copy each rule. At the teacher's discretion, students could be asked to correct any spelling or punctuation that would be incorrect by today's usage rules.
- ❑ Have students rewrite each rule in their own words. Depending on individual goals and abilities, consider the following suggestions:
 - Discussion could replace this part of the assignment.
 - Students may rewrite the rule in their own words following discussion.
 - Students may be asked to explain why they believe the rule would or would not be appropriate to follow today. Home or parochial schools might ask students to discuss how this rule would fit into the teachings of their faith.
- ❑ Be creative and have fun! These rules may be studied in any order. Students can be given freedom to design illustrations or cartoons depicting the message of selected rules.
- ❑ Students may build a story around a rule, illustrating how rules may be used to help someone quickly understand the right thing to do in an important situation.

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George Washington's Rules of Civility

Copy the rule on the lines provided.

Rule 1

Every action done in company, ought to be with some sign of respect, to those that are present.

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Rule 2

When in company, put not your hands to any part of the body not usually discovered.

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Rule 3

*Show nothing to your friend that may
affright him.*

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Rule 4

In the presence of others, sing not to yourself with a humming voice, or drum with your fingers or feet.

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Rule 5

If you cough, sneeze, sigh or yawn, do it not loud but privately, and speak not in your yawning, but put your handkerchief or hand before your face and turn aside.

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Rule 6

*Sleep not when others speak, sit not when others stand,
speak not when you should hold your peace, walk not on
when others stop.*

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Rule 7

*Put not off your clothes in the presence of others,
nor go out of your chamber half dressed.*

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Rule 8

At play and at fire, it's good manners to give place to the last comer, and affect not to speak louder than ordinary.

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Rule 9

Spit not into the fire, nor stoop low before it; neither put your hands into the flames to warm them, nor set your feet upon the fire, especially if there be meat before it.

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Rule 10

When you sit down, keep your feet firm and even, without putting one on the other or crossing them.

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Rule 11

*Shift not yourself in the sight of others, nor
gnaw your nails.*

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Rule 12

Shake not the head, feet, or legs roll not the eyes, lift not one eyebrow higher than the other, wray not the mouth, and bedew no mans face with your spittle, by approaching too near him when you speak.

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Rule 13

Kill no vermin as fleas, lice, ticks, etc., in the sight of others. If you see any filth or thick spittle put your foot dexterously upon it. If it be upon the cloths of your companions, put it off privately, and if it be upon your own cloths return thanks to him who puts it off.

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Rule 14

Turn not your back to others especially in speaking, jog not the table or desk on which another reads or writes, lean not upon any one.

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Rule 15

Keep your nails clean and short, also your hands and teeth clean yet without showing any great concern for them.

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Rule 16

Do not puff up the cheeks, loll not out the tongue, do not rub the hands, or beard, thrust out the lips, or bite them, or keep the lips too open or too close.

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Rule 17

Be no flatterer, neither play with any that delights not to be played withal.

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Rule 18

Read no letters, books, or papers in company but when there is a necessity for the doing of it you must ask leave: come not near the books or writings of another so as to read them unless desired, or give your opinion of them unasked, also look not nigh when another is writing a letter.

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Rule 19

Let your countenance be pleasant, but in serious matters somewhat grave

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Rule 20

The gestures of the body must be suited to the discourse you are upon.

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Rule 21

*Reproach none for the infirmities of nature, nor
delight to put them that have, in mind thereof.*

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Rule 22

Show not yourself glad at the misfortune of another though he were your enemy.

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Rule 23

When you see a crime punished, you may be inwardly pleased; but always show pity to the suffering offender.

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Rule 24

Do not laugh too loud or too much at any public spectacle.

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Rule 25

Superfluous compliments and all affectation of ceremony are to be avoided, yet where due they are not to be neglected.

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Rule 26

In pulling off your hat to persons of distinction, as noblemen, Justices, Churchmen, etc., make a reverence, bowing more or less according to the custom of the better bred, and quality of the person. Amongst your equals expect not always that they should begin with you first, but to pull off the hat when there is no need is affectation, in the manner of saluting and re-saluting, in words keep to the most usual custom.

Rewrite the rule in your own words.

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Rule 27

'Tis ill manners to bid one more eminent than yourself be covered as well as not to do it to whom it's due. Likewise he that makes too much haste to put on his hat does not well, yet he ought to put it on at the first, or at most the second time of being asked; now what is herein spoken, of qualification in behavior in saluting, ought also to be observed in taking of place, and sitting down for ceremonies without bounds is troublesome.

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Rule 28

If anyone comes to speak to you while you are sitting, stand up though he be your inferior, and when you present seats, let it be to everyone according to his degree.

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Rule 29

When you meet with one of greater quality than yourself, stop, and retire especially if it be at a door or any straight place to give way for him to pass.

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Rule 30

In walking, the highest place in most countries seems to be on the right hand therefore, place yourself on the left of him whom you desire to honor: but if three walk together the middle place is the most honorable. The wall is usually given to the most worthy if two walk together.

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Rule 31

If any one far surpasses others, either in age, estate, or merit yet would give place to a meaner than himself in his own lodging or elsewhere, the one ought not to accept it, so he on the other part should not use much earnestness nor offer it above once or twice.

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Rule 32

To one that is your equal, or not much inferior you are to give the chief place in your lodging and he to whom it is offered ought at the first to refuse it, but at the second to accept though not without acknowledging his own unworthiness.

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Rule 33

They that are in dignity or in office have in all places precedence but, while they are young they ought to respect those that are their equals in birth or other qualities, though they have no public charge.

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Rule 34

It is good manners to prefer them to whom we speak before ourselves, especially if they be above us with whom in no sort we ought to begin.

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Rule 35

Let your discourse with men of business be short and comprehensive.

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Rule 36

Artificers & persons of low degree ought not to use many ceremonies to Lords, or others of high degree but respect and highly honor them, and those of high degree ought to treat them with affability and courtesy, without arrogance.

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Rule 37

In speaking to men of quality do not lean nor look them full in the face, nor approach too near them, at least keep a full pace from them.

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Rule 38

In visiting the sick, do not presently play the physician if you be not knowing therein.

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Rule 39

In writing or speaking, give to every person his due title according to his degree and the custom of the place.

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Rule 40

Strive not with your superiors in argument, but always submit your judgment to others with modesty.

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Rule 41

Undertake not to teach your equal in the art himself professes; it savours of arrogance.

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Rule 42

Let thy ceremonies in courtesy be proper to the dignity of his place with whom thou conversest, for it is absurd to act the same with a clown and a prince.

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Rule 43

Do not express joy before one sick or in pain for that contrary passion will aggravate his misery.

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Rule 44

When a man does all he can, though it succeeds not well, blame not him that did it.

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Rule 45

Being to advise or reprehend anyone, consider whether it ought to be in public or in private; presently, or at some other time, in what terms to do it, and in reproving, show no sign of choler but do it with all sweetness and mildness.

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Rule 46

Take all admonitions thankfully in what time or place soever given, but afterwards not being culpable, take a time and place convenient to let him know it that gave them.

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Rule 47

Mock not nor jest at any thing of importance. Break no jests that are sharp, biting, and if you deliver anything witty and pleasant, abstain from laughing thereat yourself.

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Rule 48

Uwherein you reprove another be unblameable yourself, for example is more prevalent than precepts.

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Rule 49

*Use no reproachful language against anyone; neither
curse nor revile.*

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Rule 50

Be not hasty to believe flying reports to the disparagement of any.

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Rule 51

Wear not your clothes foul, or ripped, or dusty, but see they be brushed once every day at least and take heed that you approach not to any uncleanness.

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Rule 52

In your apparel be modest and endeavor to accommodate nature, rather than to procure admiration; keep to the fashion of your equals, such as are civil and orderly with respect to time and places.

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Rule 53

Run not in the streets, neither go too slowly, nor with mouth open; go not shaking of arms, nor upon the toes, kick not the earth with your feet, go not upon the toes, nor in a dancing fashion.

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Rule 54

Play not the peacock, looking everywhere about you, to see if you be well decked, if your shoes fit well, if your stockings sit neatly and clothes handsomely.

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Rule 55

Eat not in the streets, nor in the house, out of season.

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Rule 56

Associate yourself with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation; for it is better to be alone than in bad company.

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Rule 58

Let your conversation be without malice or envy, for it is a sign of a tractable and commendable nature, and in all causes of passion permit reason to govern.

Rewrite the rule in your own words.

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Rule 59

Never express anything unbecoming, nor act against the rules moral before your inferiors.

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Rule 60

Be not immodest in urging your friends to discover a secret.

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Rule 61

Utter not base and frivolous things among grave and learned men, nor very difficult questions or subjects among the ignorant, or things hard to be believed; stuff not your discourse with sentences among your betters nor equals.

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Rule 62

Speak not of doleful things in a time of mirth or at the table; speak not of melancholy things as death and wounds, and if others mention them, change if you can the discourse. Tell not your dreams, but to your intimate friend.

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Rule 63

A man ought not to value himself of his achievements or rare qualities of wit; much less of his riches, virtue or kindred.

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Rule 64

Break not a jest where none take pleasure in mirth; laugh not aloud, nor at all without occasion; deride no man's misfortune though there seem to be some cause.

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Rule 65

Speak not injurious words neither in jest nor earnest; scoff at none although they give occasion.

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Rule 66

Be not froward but friendly and courteous, the first to salute, hear and answer; and be not pensive when it's a time to converse.

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Rule 67

Detract not from others, neither be excessive in commanding.

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Rule 68

Go not thither, where you know not whether you shall be welcome or not; give not advice without being asked, and when desired do it briefly.

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Rule 69

If two contend together take not the part of either unconstrained, and be not obstinate in your own opinion. In things indifferent be of the major side.

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Rule 70

Reprehend not the imperfections of others, for that belongs to parents, masters and superiors.

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Rule 71

Gaze not on the marks or blemishes of others and ask not how they came. What you may speak in secret to your friend, deliver not before others.

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Rule 72

Speak not in an unknown tongue in company but in your own language and that as those of quality do and not as the vulgar. Sublime matters treat seriously.

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Rule 73

Think before you speak, pronounce not imperfectly, nor bring out your words too hastily, but orderly and distinctly.

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Rule 74

When another speaks, be attentive yourself and disturb not the audience. If any hesitate in his words, help him not, nor prompt him without desired. Interrupt him not, nor answer him till his speech be ended.

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Rule 75

In the midst of discourse ask not of what one treats, but if you perceive any stop because of your coming, you may well entreat him gently to proceed. If a person of quality comes in while you're conversing, it's handsome to repeat what was said before.

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Rule 76

While you are talking, point not with your finger at him of whom you discourse, nor approach too near him to whom you talk, especially to his face.

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Rule 77

*Treat with men at fit times about business and
whisper not in the company of others.*

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Rule 78

Make no comparisons and if any of the company be commended for any brave act of virtue, commend not another for the same.

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Rule 79

Be not apt to relate news if you know not the truth thereof. In discoursing of things you have heard, name not your author. Always a secret discover not.

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Rule 80

Be not tedious in discourse or in reading unless you find the company pleased therewith.

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Rule 81

Be not curious to know the affairs of others, neither approach those that speak in private.

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Rule 82

Undertake not what you cannot perform, but be careful to keep your promise.

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Rule 83

*When you deliver a matter do it without passion
and with discretion, however mean the person be
you do it to.*

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Rule 84

*When your superiors talk to anybody hearken not,
neither speak nor laugh.*

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Rule 85

In company of those of higher quality than yourself, speak not until you are asked a question, then stand upright, put off your hat and answer in few words.

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Rule 86

In disputes, be not so desirous to overcome as not to give liberty to each one to deliver his opinion and submit to the judgment of the major part, especially if they are judges of the dispute.

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Rule 87

Let your carriage be such as becomes a man grave, settled and attentive to that which is spoken. Contradict not at every turn what others say.

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Rule 88

Be not tedious in discourse, make not many digressions, nor repeat often the same manner of discourse.

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Rule 89

Speak not evil of the absent, for it is unjust.

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Rule 90

Being set at meat scratch not, neither spit, cough or blow your nose except there is a necessity for it.

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Rule 91

*Make no show of taking great delight in your victuals.
Feed not with greediness. Eat your bread with a knife.
Lean not on the table, neither find fault with what you
eat.*

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Rule 92

Take no salt or cut bread with your knife greasy.

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Rule 93

Entertaining anyone at table it is decent to present him with meat. Undertake not to help others undesired by the master.

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Rule 94

If you soak bread in the sauce, let it be no more than what you put in your mouth at a time, and blow not your broth at table but stay until it cools of itself.

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Rule 95

Put not your meat to your mouth with your knife in your hand; neither spit forth the stones of any fruit pie upon a dish nor cast anything under the table.

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Rule 96

It's unbecoming to stoop much to one's meat. Keep your fingers clean and when foul wipe them on a corner of your table napkin.

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Rule 97

Put not another bite into your mouth until the former be swallowed. Let not your morsels be too big for the jowls.

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Rule 98

Drink not nor talk with your mouth full; neither gaze about you while you are drinking.

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Rule 99

Drink not too leisurely nor yet too hastily. Before and after drinking wipe your lips. Breathe not then or ever with too great a noise, for it is uncivil.

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Rule 100

Cleanse not your teeth with the tablecloth, napkin, fork or knife, but if others do it, let it be done with a pick tooth.

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Rule 101

Rinse not your mouth in the presence of others.

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Rule 102

*It is out of use to call upon the company often to eat.
Nor need you drink to others every time you drink.*

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Rule 103

In company of your betters be not longer in eating than they are. Lay not your arm, but only your hand upon the table.

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Rule 104

It belongs to the chiefest in company to unfold his napkin and fall to meat first. But he ought then to begin in time and to dispatch with dexterity that the slowest may have time allowed him.

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Rule 105

Be not angry at table whatever happens and if you have reason to be so, show it not but on a cheerful countenance especially if there be strangers, for good humor makes one dish of meat a feast.

Rewrite the rule in your own words.

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Rule 106

Set not yourself at the upper of the table but if it be your due, or that the master of the house will have it so. Contend not, lest you should trouble the company.

Rewrite the rule in your own words.

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Rule 107

*If others talk at table be attentive, but talk not
with meat in your mouth.*

Rewrite the rule in your own words.

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Rule 108

When you speak of God or His attributes, let it be seriously and with reverence. Honor and obey your natural parents although they be poor.

Rewrite the rule in your own words.

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Rule 109

Let your recreations be manful not sinful.

Rewrite the rule in your own words.

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Rule 110

Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire called conscience.

Rewrite the rule in your own words.
