

**Colonial Kids: An Activity Guide to Life in the New World (Kid's Guide series, A)**

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Behavior in Company," that a thirteen-year-old boy wrote down. The boy was George Washington, the same George Washington who later became the first president of the United States. Maybe his good manners helped him succeed.

Every action in company ought to be a sign of respect to those present.

In the presence of others, sing not to yourself, nor drum with your fingers or feet.

Speak not when others speak, and sit not when others stand.

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

Show not yourself glad at the misfortunes of others.

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

Let your recreations be manful, not sinful.

Use no reproachful language against anyone, neither curses or reviling.

Gaze not at the blemishes of others, and ask not how they came.

Be not angry at the table, especially if there are strangers, for good humor makes one dish a feast.
Manners and Morals of Long Ago, 1993

He was pretty smart, wasn't he? Wouldn't it be great if everyone you met followed those rules today?

IN COLONIAL DAYS and on into the 1800s, hosts always escorted their guests part of the way home. The host walked with them to a turning point in the road, to a stream, or to a bend in the trail. It showed you cared about the visitors and was a mark of good manners.