

# CIVILITY

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# DEFINITION

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- Webster's Dictionary defines the word "civility" as: polite, reasonable, and respectful behavior.

# CIVILITY IN THE CLASSROOM

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- Refraining from texting during lectures
- Respect teacher and other students
- Include other students
- Participate in discussions
- Respect privacy and dignity
- Keep your eyes on your own paper

# TRY IT OUT

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- In US Politics class, your friend Billy expresses his undying love for all of Hillary's stances. You are a diehard Trump fan and disagree with him whole-heartedly. The most civil response would be:
  - A) Politely agree to disagree
  - B) Roll up your sleeves and clock Billy in the mouth

# ANSWER

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- If you picked A, you're on the road to being a civil human being!

# CIVILITY IN THE COMMUNITY

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While civility in the classroom is required, civility in the community is based on your personal values.

# TO AUTHORITY:

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- Mutual respect
- Using proper titles (Sir, Mrs., Dr.)
- Language and formal speech
- Being attentive

## TO FRIENDS & FAMILY:

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- Abstaining from gossip and the spreading of rumors
- Listening and being sympathetic
- Being trusting and trustworthy
- Be kind in general



## TO STRANGERS:

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- Respect privacy and personal space
- Follow rules and regulations of the community
- Acknowledge private property
- Embrace diversity and respect cultural differences

# CIVIL ACTS USED EVERY DAY

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- Handshakes
- Smiles
- Asking “How are you?”
- Holding doors for others
- Knocking before entering

# RESOURCES

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- <http://www.gcc.mass.edu/professional-development/2015/02/18/embrace-civility-in-the-classroom/>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9YXmljRvhrU>