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Stop it you fool!

Etiquette had a main role in my culture. It dictates my actions, my words, and my feelings. From an early age me and my 7 siblings were taught different ways to be polite in our culture; do not except gifts from relatives, it is considered needy and rude; do not make eye contact when speaking to an elder; proper introductions require a handshake with all the men in the room; always be helpful and ready to participate in cultural practices; These actions and behaviors instilled in me have, over time, shaped the kind of person I am today. Every culture has their own rules on how to behave politely. What about America? Today the term “etiquette” cease to exist.

Public k-12 schools no longer enforce it as strongly as it used to. Responsibilities are generally given to the parents, but how could the parents teach their kids if they too grew up on the same system? The growth of social media sites, as well as media conglomerates, further increase this degradation through being powerless in stopping online conflicts and inappropriate contents/behaviors. America has lost its sense of etiquette. My VR scene is meant to be a reminder of the old days as well as a reflection of the present.