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Importance of Civility: Independent Learning Guide

The role models in the video “Importance of Civility” discuss how important it is to be professional and respectful. Listeners learned that their behavior impacts the people around them and can even influence their future.

Watch the video “[Importance of Civility](#)” at least once. Then read each statement below. Think carefully about each question before you answer it.

- 1. It is natural to have disagreements with others. But you must be thoughtful about what you say and how you say it. As one role model says, "Even when you're in the right and they're in the wrong, you still have to maintain that level of respectfulness."**

Why is it so important to be respectful to others, even when you disagree? What steps can you take to maintain this “level of respectfulness”?

- 2. In the video, listeners learn to “treat others as you would like to be treated.” And that even during heated conversations or debates, you don't have to be mean, become angry, fight, or name call.**

How can putting yourself in the other person’s shoes or thinking about how you would like to be treated help you be respectful? What else should you avoid doing during heated conversations? What should you do instead?



3. A role model in the video reminds us that, "you never know what someone is going through in a day."

Why is this an important piece of advice to keep in mind? How might this piece of advice affect your actions or words while interacting with others?

4. We all have the opportunity to practice being civil every day.

Do you think it is easier to be civil or rude? Do you find that it is easier to be civil in some places than others or to certain people compared to others? Explain your answer.

5. In his 1961 inaugural address, President John F. Kennedy said in his 1961 inaugural address said, "Civility is not a sign of weakness."

What do you think this means? Do you agree or disagree?



6. Being civil doesn't only impact your life today, it can also have an impact on your future. One role model explained that someone you work with today could be a coworker or even your boss in ten years.

How might being civil today have an impact on your future? Do you think people will remember how you treat them, even ten years in the future? Why or why not?
