

Civility Rules

1. The story is told from the point-of-view of Nicholas. Does he make an engaging narrator?
2. Nicholas is very appreciative of the ladies. Does this make him “all man” or a chauvinist?
3. Edward has gradually taken on the personality of Aunt Civility’s official representative. Do you think he is a faker? Or is he sincere in his efforts to be a gentleman?
4. According to Edward, the world is filled with cretins. People on cell phones in public and men who wear backwards baseball caps are particularly annoying. Is he being judgmental? Or is he right?
5. Luigi Ferrari was lured into a relationship with a beautiful, young con artist. Was this his own fault, or was he the victim?
6. Maggie turns to blackmail in order to further her dream of owning her own bed-and-breakfast. Nicholas seems to admire her. Was she being admirable assertive? Or is she in the wrong?
7. Zali never comes out and says she is related to the Inglenooks. Why do you think this?
8. Claudia Inglenook doesn’t appreciate her brother’s offer to help her at the computer terminal. She also takes offense when Edward asks her brother’s permission to court her. Is she touchy? Or does she have a point?
9. Barbara Maggiano believes that Felicity is a scheming tart. If her father hadn’t had money to leave in his will, do you think she would have cared?
10. The Aunt Civility etiquette books are the perfect reference for social situations. Do you think anyone cares about behaving correctly, and should they care?

