

George Washington's
Rules of Civility
and
Decent Behavior
in Company and Conversation

A
Penmanship
Activity

*Write out a Rule that you think is
important today...*

*Did you know that when George
Washington wrote out the Rules of
Civility that he did so to practice his
penmanship? Penmanship is very
important when you are writing a lot of
letters and documents. George
Washington needed to be able to read
back over his journals and letters and
other people needed to be able to read
them too. If he didn't have good
penmanship we wouldn't know very
much about him because we wouldn't be
able to read his documents to learn about
him!*

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee

Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj

Kk Ll Mm Nn

Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss

Tt Uu Vv Ww

Xx Yy Zz

1 2 3 4 5

6 7 8 9 0

Rule 1/0:

Labor to keep alive

in your breast that

little spark of

christian fire called

conscience.

Rule 56:

Associate yourself

with Men of good

Quality if you

Estim your own

Reputation; for it is

better to be alone

than in bad Company

Rule 1:

Every Action done

in Company, ought

to be with some

sign of Respect,

to those that are

Present.

Rule 22:

Show not

yourself glad at

the Misfortune

of another

though he were

your enemy.

Rule 49:

Use no Reproachful

Language against

any one neither

Cura non Revide.