

CHARACTER COUNTS ESSAY

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Respect is fundamental to personal growth and accomplishment.

Whether it is in a relationship, in a workplace, a classroom, a sports team or at home; if you don't have respect for others in these spaces, then you have virtually nothing.

Respect is the foundation of all relationships whether it is with a partner, a parent, a coach, a peer, a teacher, or even the cashier who scans your items at the grocery store who you will likely never see again.

Respect for others is the key to success; being kind and respectful earns the favor and trust of others and these are the things that will get you farther in life.

Disrespect benefits nobody and does not bring you any closer to success; if anything, disrespect pushes you even further back on the path to success.

For instance, if you were going to an interview for a new job and as soon as you got to the interview you automatically introduced yourself, shook the interviewer's hand and asked them how things are going, the opinion that the interviewer has of you would automatically be higher than if you walked in and sat down without saying anything.

First impressions are important. If you make a good first impression the chances that you will get the job are higher.

Even though a greeting at the start of an interview seems small and unimportant, a simple greeting and handshake will make a person feel ten times more comfortable talking to you.

However, job interviews and professional settings are not the only spaces where respect is crucial.

Learning of respect and its importance starts at home. Most parents spend years and years trying to raise children who they know will be respectful and kind to others.

However, it is not only important that you respect the people outside of your home; it is even more important that you respect your parents. Our parents have spent years teaching us to be respectful and caring and compassionate towards others, so why should we be disrespectful towards them.

It can be easy to get annoyed or frustrated with your parents, especially as a teenager or young adult. You are growing older, which, in most cases, means that you are slipping further and further out of your parents' grasp everyday. This fact is a hard pill to swallow for

parents. Some parents will become even more strict during this time, which is something that teens often have a hard time handling.

Next time your parents ask you where you are going or tell you to stay home, before being disrespectful or rebellious towards them, remind yourself that they are only acting that way because they are scared of losing their baby.

Simple acts of respect earn people jobs, promotions, awards and many other things every day.

Additionally, it is scientifically proven that when you are respectful to someone, that respect boosts their self esteem and makes them feel better about themselves.

Sometimes a simple greeting or smile on the street can make someone's entire day better.

Why would anyone want to be disrespectful knowing that respect produces positive outcomes such as this.

Always remember that if you respect the world around you, respect is what you will get in return.