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## Renaissance: Cause and Consequence



### Manners and etiquette

The Renaissance was a time for change. A lot of things changed during the Renaissance, and if they didn't, we wouldn't be where we are today. A great example of change in the Renaissance would be manners and etiquette. Manners and etiquette was one of the things in the Renaissance that had a good consequence. During the Renaissance people started to realize that eating with only your hands, and with your mouth open, was not very nice, so to make things better they decided to come up with some rules to be more classy. The thing about manners and etiquette is that it didn't come around until mid to late Renaissance, so at the start of the Renaissance everyone was still eating sort of like Vikings. At the start of using good manners, it was only the higher classed people who were being polite, just to separate themselves from the lower class.

Eventually manners spread to the lower class and soon everyone was being nice and polite, especially at the dinner table.

Nowadays kids are taught at a young age to be polite, nice, respectful and well behaved. Almost everyone over the age of ten, has heard some of the songs that parents play now, (like knees down mother brown etc.), and that helps to teach the kids of today to have manners. When we think about manners today, especially in Canada, we think, “I need to have manners, to be polite,” and that’s true, but if we were living in the Renaissance, we might think, “I don’t need manners, I can just get what I want and no one even cares if I’m nice.” When you really think about it, there are still some people today with no manners, but that might just be because of the way they were raised. That’s the consequence of manners and etiquette though, people have manners, and people want, need and want other people to have manners too. If you think about it, sometimes people can want manners a bit too much, but being more polite is better than less. That’s the consequence of manners and etiquette, almost every person in the entire world now has them.