

1 **Essentials of Victorian Etiquette**

2 **Etiquette on
the Street**

- * Ladies and gentlemen always pass to the right
- * Gentlemen always walk on the outside
- * A lady always walks at a graceful gait
- * A gentleman should always assist a lady from a carriage, without formal introduction

3 **Etiquette on
the Street**

- * A lady may take a gentleman's arm
 - * Safety requires
 - * Elderly or infirm and requires assistance
 - * Husband and wife
- * A gentleman may walk between two ladies
- * A lady may NEVER walk between two men

4 **Etiquette on
the Street**

- * A lady should always have an escort in the evening
 - * Best from her own household to avoid gossip
- * Gentleman may bow lightly from the street when recognized by a lady in a window

5 **Etiquette on
the Streets**

- * A lady only uses her right hand to lift her skirt when it is necessary
 - * Never above the ankle
- * Never yell or hail anyone
- * Never convey the impression of intimacy
- * A gentleman removes his cigar or pipe in the presence of a lady
- * A gentleman never spits

6 **Etiquette of Introductions**

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- * Always apply titles
- * Gentleman to the lady
- * Younger to the older
- * Husband and wife refer to each other by last name
- * Never ever point at another person

8 **Etiquette of Introductions**

- * Gentlemen may shake hands
- * An unmarried lady never shakes hands
- * A married lady may use her discretion
- * A slight slow bow reflects more dignity
- * Kissing of the hand....

9 **Etiquette at the Ball**

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- * A lady should not enter or cross the hall unattended
- * A gentleman never takes a lady by the hand; always offer the arm
- * A lady never asks a gentleman to hold her bouquet, fan or gloves during the dance, unless he be her husband, escort or a relative

11 **Etiquette at the Ball**

- * A gentleman never encircles the waist of a lady until the dancing begins
 - * He should drop his arm immediately when the music stops
- * A gentleman never uses a bare hand to press the waist of a lady
 - * White gloves
 - * Handkerchief
- * Do not engage yourself for the last two dances; it may keep you too late

12 **Etiquette at Tea**

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- * The gentleman of the house always serves the cake if he's present
- * The lady of the house always pours and serves the tea
- * The tea is always served to the left
 - * Everything is passed to the left
- * The saucer always rises with the cup when drinking

14 **Etiquette at Tea**

- * The conversation will always be polite
- * Discussions are limited
 - * Weather
 - * Good things that have happened to others
 - * Up and coming events
- * Never gossip

15 **Mourning Etiquette**

- * A wife will wear all black and a veil to the funeral
 - * Best dress and veil
 - * Jewelry would be a hair broach
 - * Small piece that was special
- * Mourning period is one year
 - * Six months (half mourning)
 - White collar and cuffs

- *No socializing
- *After one year first color purple

- 16 **Mourning Etiquette**
- *A husband will wear a black armband
 - *Expected to remarry quickly
 - *Especially if there are children

- 17 **Language of the Fan**

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- 18 **Final Exam**
On the street

- *A lady and gentleman always pass
 - *On the right
- *If you see a women on the arm of a gentleman she's:
 - *Elderly
 - *Infirm
 - *In an unsafe area
 - *Engaged or married to him

- 19 **Final Exam**
Introductions

- *When introducing always
 - *Gentleman to lady
 - *Younger to older
- *A gentleman may approach a lady without formal introduction to
 - *Help her from a carriage

- 20 **Final Exam**
At the Ball

- *When dancing with a lady the gentleman should always have
 - *White gloves or handkerchief
- *A lady should be escorted
 - *Entering the ballroom
 - *Crossing the ballroom

- 21 **Final Exam**
At tea

- *Always pass
 - *To the left
- *The discussion should be about

- *Pleasant things
- *Weather
- *Upcoming events

22 **Final Exam**

Mourning

- *The period of mourning is
 - *One year
- *The first color a widow can wear after one year
 - *Purple
- *What does a white collar and cuffs mean?
 - *Lady is in half mourning – six months

23 **Etiquette**

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