

KIDS, KIDS, KIDS!

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Coolest!



SEPTEMBER IS THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, WHICH MAKES ME THINK OF THE KIDS OF OUR TOWN AND HOW SPECIAL THEY ARE. THIS PAGE IS DEDICATED TO THEM AND THEIR PARENTS AND THE AWESOME RESPONSIBILITY THAT COMES WITH "PARENTHOOD!"

HE THAT HAS A WISE CHILD SHALL HAVE
JOY IN HIM PROVERBS 23:24

THE MEANEST MOTHER IN THE WORLD

I HAD THE MEANEST MOTHER IN THE WORLD. WHILE OTHER KIDS HAD CANDY FOR BREAKFAST, I HAD TO EAT CEREAL, EGGS AND TOAST. WHILE OTHER KIDS HAD CAKES AND CANDY FOR LUNCH, I HAD A SANDWICH. AS YOU CAN GUESS MY DINNER WAS DIFFERENT FROM OTHER KIDS DINNER TOO.

MY MOTHER INSISTED ON KNOWING WHERE WE WERE AT ALL TIMES. YOU'D THINK WE WERE ON A CHAIN GANG OR SOMETHING.

SHE HAD TO KNOW WHO OUR FRIENDS WERE AND WHAT WE WERE DOING. I AM ASHAMED TO ADMIT IT, BUT SHE ACTUALLY HAD THE NERVE TO BREAK THE CHILD LABOR LAW. SHE MADE US WORK! WE HAD TO WASH DISHES, MAKE OUR BEDS AND LEARN HOW TO COOK. THAT WOMAN MUST HAVE STAYED AWAKE NIGHTS THINKING UP THINGS FOR US KIDS TO DO. AND, SHE INSISTED THAT WE TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH.

BY THE TIME WE WERE TEENAGERS, SHE WAS MUCH WISER AND OUR LIFE BECAME MORE UNBEARABLE. NONE OF THIS TOOTING THE CAR HORN FOR US TO COME RUNNING; SHE EMBARRASSED US TO NO END BY INSISTING THAT FRIENDS OR DATES COME TO THE DOOR TO GET US.

I FORGOT TO MENTION THAT MOST OF OUR FRIENDS WERE ALLOWED TO DATE AT THE MATURE AGE OF 12 OR 13, BUT OUR OLD FASHIONED MOTHER REFUSED TO LET US DATE UNTIL WE WERE 15. SHE REALLY RAISED A BUNCH OF SQUARES. NONE OF US WAS EVER ARRESTED FOR SHOPLIFTING OR BUSTED FOR DOPE. AND WHO DO WE HAVE TO THANK FOR THIS? YOU'RE RIGHT, OUR MEAN MOTHER!

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TEACHERS' BEST BACK TO SCHOOL ADVICE

1. ESTABLISH A REGULAR BEDTIME, THEN STICK TO IT.
2. ESTABLISH A ROUTINE FOR DOING HOMEWORK; GO OVER THEIR WORK WITH THEM.
3. STAY INVOLVED WITH YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION THROUGHOUT HIGH SCHOOL.
4. READ BOOKS WITH YOUR CHILD OTHER THAN THEIR USUAL SCHOOL BOOKS.
5. MEET THE TEACHERS, VOLUNTEER IN THE CLASSROOM AND GET INVOLVED.
6. KIDS GET EMOTIONALLY DRAINED- TEACH THEM TO CHOOSE THEIR ACTIVITIES AND TO WORK HARD AT THEM, INSTEAD OF SPREADING THEMSELVES TOO THIN.

BUT, MOST OF ALL- BE INTERESTED IN THEM! SHOW THEM HOW SPECIAL THEY ARE!



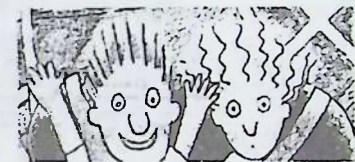
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HOW TO RAISE A CROOK TAKEN FROM ANN LANDERS

1. BEGIN FROM INFANCY TO GIVE THE CHILD EVERYTHING HE WANTS. THIS WAY HE WILL GROW UP TO BELIEVE THAT THE WORLD OWES HIM A LIVING.
2. WHEN HE PICKS UP BAD WORDS, LAUGH AT HIM. IT WILL ENCOURAGE HIM TO PICK UP CUTER PHRASES THAT WILL BLOW THE TOP OFF YOUR HEAD LATER.
3. NEVER GIVE HIM ANY SPIRITUAL TRAINING. WAIT UNTIL HE IS 21 AND THEN LET HIM DECIDE FOR HIMSELF.
4. AVOID THE USE OF THE WORD "WRONG". IT MAY DEVELOP A GUILT COMPLEX. THIS WILL CONDITION HIM TO BELIEVE LATER, WHEN HE IS ARRESTED FOR STEALING A CAR, THAT SOCIETY IS AGAINST HIM AND HE IS BEING PERSECUTED.
5. PICK UP ANYTHING THAT HE LEAVES LYING AROUND- BOOKS, SHOES, CLOTHING. DO EVERYTHING FOR HIM SO HE WILL BE EXPERIENCED IN THROWING THE RESPONSIBILITY ONTO OTHERS.
6. LET HIM READ ANY PRINTED MATTER HE CAN GET HIS HANDS ON. SILVERWARE AND DRINKING GLASSES ARE STERILIZED, BUT LET HIS MIND FEED ON GARBAGE.
7. QUARREL FREQUENTLY IN THE PRESENCE OF CHILDREN. THEN THEY WON'T BE TOO SHOCKED WHEN THE HOME IS BROKEN UP.
8. GIVE THE CHILD ALL THE SPENDING MONEY HE WANTS. NEVER LET HIM EARN HIS OWN. WHY SHOULD HE HAVE THINGS AS ROUGH AS YOU HAD THEM?
9. SATISFY HIS EVERY CRAVING FOR FOOD, DRINK AND COMFORT. SEE THAT EVERY DESIRE IS GRATIFIED. DENIAL MAY LEAD TO HARMFUL FRUSTRATIONS.
10. TAKE HIS PART AGAINST THE NEIGHBORS, TEACHERS AND POLICEMEN. THEY ARE ALL PREJUDICED AGAINST YOUR CHILD.
11. WHEN HE GETS INTO REAL TROUBLE, APOLOGIZE FOR YOURSELVES BY SAYING, "I NEVER COULD DO ANYTHING WITH HIM."
12. PREPARE FOR A LIFE OF GRIEF BECAUSE YOU ARE SURE TO HAVE IT!