

REALITY CHECK!

Rule 1

Life is not fair, get used to it.

Rule 2

The world does not care about your self esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.

Rule 3

You will not make \$40,000 out of high school. You won't be a vice president with a cellular phone until you earn both. You will not be asked to produce music videos or test video games.

Rule 4

If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss. He/she does not have tenure and their boss judges them on the work you do.

Rule 5

Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different word for burger flipping. They called it: opportunity.

Rule 6

If you mess up it is not your parents fault, so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.

Rule 7

Before you were born your parents were not as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you are. So before you save the rainforests from the parasites of your parents generation, try delousing the closet in your own room.

Rule 8

Your school may have done away with all winners and losers, but life has not. In some schools they have abolished failing grades; they'll give you as many times as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to anything in real life.

Rule 9

Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you find yourself. Do that on your own time.

Rule 10

Television is not real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

Rule 11

Be nice to nerds. Chances are you will end up working for one. Is it better to be a jock or a nerd? Michael Jordan makes \$178,100 a day with endorsements and salary. If he saved 100% of his salary for next 250 years, he would still have less than Bill Gates has today.

Game over.

Nerd wins.