

## Re: Battle of the Sidewalk ][ – error

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"John Steinberg" <seesig@bottom.invalid> opined eloquently in message news:070620041853270984%seesig@bottom.invalid...

> *Alan French wrote:*

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> > *I've always been curious about how the idea that top posting was "bad" got*

> > *going. In following long threads, especially when folks don't bother*

> > *cutting much out, it seems easier to have the response at the top – then you*

> > *don't have to rummage through everything again and again and again.*

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> *There are many other links on this topic, but the authoritative sources*

> *are quite clear; top-posting and not trimming for context is poor*

> *netiquette, inconsiderate to those who read articles and pay by the*

> *minute for the privilege, wasted bandwidth, and renders many otherwise*

> *fine articles and threads very difficult to read and follow. You*

> *should only know just how AWFUL some of the top-posted and non-trimmed*

> *articles parse in my newsreaders. I often just skip them due to the*

> *eyestrain they create.*

Bless you, my son. There's nothing wrong with trying to return a little politeness, Netiquette and civility to newsgroups, even if you get blasted for it.