**MATERIAL FOR THE TEACHER**

**Task 1: An expat on Swiss table manners**

Read the list of Swiss table manners written by an expat journalist and compare the list to your own table manners at home.

**Task 2: Table manner poetry**

Read the poem “The table manners” aloud. The American author Gelett Burgess (1866-1951) wrote poems about “Goops”. “Goops” are strange baldheaded childlike creatures that do not behave well. Are *you* sometimes a „Goop“? Think of different examples and add them to the poem (e.g. The Goops they ...).

The poem is from 1900. Do you think table manners change over time?

**Task 3: Websites on table manners around the world**

Explore websites that focus on table manners. Why do you believe so many guidelines on dining etiquette around the world can be found on the Internet?

**Task 4: How do the various settings influence the manners we use?**

Brainstorm the different places where you eat a meal (include places in your homes). How do different settings or places influence how you sit, what you say and what is on the table? (Fast-food restaurant, in front of the TV, picnic, a (nice) restaurant, dinner at your grandparent’s house, etc.).

Try to set the table for a formal dinner with the utensils lying on the table. Compare it to the placement on the worksheet. How do you set your table at home?