

HOW TO BID ON EBAY BY PETER KREUSER

HELLO! YOU HAVE FOUND SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO BUY ON EBAY? LET ME SHOW YOU HOW TO DO IT! BEGIN!

1.1: FIRSTLY, DOES THE AUCTION HAVE ANY EXISTING BIDS?

YES – I SEE. THIS NEXT PART IS VERY IMPORTANT THEN! GO TO 4.1

NO – EXCELLENT! I HAVE JUST THE PLAN FOR THIS SCENERIO! GO TO 2.1

2.1: WE BID! HOWEVER BE AWARE! WE ONLY BID THE MINIMUM AMOUNT! WHY DO WE DO THIS YOU WONDER? I'M THE ONE ASKING THE QUESTIONS HERE! IT IS A FAIR QUESTION HOWEVER. WE BID THE MINIMUM AMOUNT ONLY TO SHOW THERE IS INTEREST IN THIS AUCTION. THIS SERVES DUAL PURPOSES. ONE, THE SELLER NOW KNOWS THAT PEOPLE WILL BID ON THEIR ITEM. THEY WILL BE LESS LIKELY TO CANCEL THE AUCTION DUE TO LACK OF BIDS AND SELL IT ON CRAIG'S LIST OR A COFFEE SHOP BULLETIN BOARD. TWO, BIDDERS EXIST THAT WILL ONLY BID ON ITEMS THAT HAVE NO BIDS. SCAVANGERS! REPEL THEM! THEY HAVE NO BUSINESS WITH THIS ITEM! WE CONTINUE! TO 3.1

3.1: TIME HAS PASSED, ARE YOU STILL THE HIGHEST BIDDER WITH YOUR SINGLE CLEVER BID?

YES – THIS IS GOING WELL! WE MUST NOT BECOME COMPLACENT THOUGH. THE ENEMY WAITS! AND SO WILL WE. MEET ME AT BACK AT 3.1 UNLESS THE AUCTION HAS ENDED, THEN CELEBRATE DANCE TO 8.1

NO- MISCREANTS! VILE BEASTS! HOW DARE THEY! WE MUST REMAIN CALM HOWEVER, EMOTIONS HAVE NO PLACE IN OUR BIDDING. WE BID WITH TACT. WE MUST NOW STALK THE AUCTION LIKE A HIDDEN PANTHER. THESE BIDDERS HAVE UNKNOWINGLY BECOME OUR SUCCULENT PREY. SOON THEY WILL LEARN THEIR FATE! SNEAK WALK TO 4.1

4.1: DOES THE AUCTION HAVE MORE THAN 45 SECONDS REMINING IN BIDDING?

YES – WELL, WELL! HERE WE ARE PLAYING THE WAITING GAME STILL! WHILE IT MAY BE ENTICING TO BID, WE MUST ASK OURSELVES, WHAT PURPOSE WOULD IT SERVE? DRIVING UP THE ITEM PRICE? SHOWING OTHER BIDDERS THAT THERE IS OTHER INTEREST IN THIS ITEM? NO! WE MUST NOT! WE WAIT. RAISING THE PRICE OF THE AUCTION EARLY WOULD ALLOW ENEMY BIDDERS TO REEVALUTE HOW MUCH THEY WOULD SPEND FOR THIS TREASURE. WE WILL NOT GIVE THEM THAT CHANCE! PATIENTLY RETURN TO 4.1

NO- WELL THEN I SUGGEST YOU READ THIS QUICKLY! BID! BID YOU BEAUTIFUL BASTARD! THIS IS IT! YOU'LL ONLY HAVE ONE CHANCE TO BID, SO MAKE CERTAIN IT IS THE ABSOLUTE MOST YOU'D BE WILLING TO PAY! IF NEEDED, SEE APPENDIX A FOR A HELPFUL GUIDE TO DETERMINING THIS AMOUNT. CONTINUE WITH HASTE TO 5.1

5.1: THE AUCTION! IT UNWINDS! ENDS! FOR ALL THINGS GOOD, DID YOU WIN THE AUCTION?

YES – 8.1

NO – 7.1

7.1: DEFEAT! WHILE A SOMBER MOMENT, ALL IS NOT LOST. WHILE THIS AUCTION WAS NOT MEANT TO BE, THE VALUABLE EXPERIENCES YOU HAVE GAINED WILL SERVE YOU WELL IN YOUR FUTURE ENDEVORS. I WISH YOU THE BEST OF LUCK AND HOPE YOU DO NOT ATTEMPT TO BLAME THIS OUTCOME ON ME, FOR THAT WOULD ONLY REFLECT POORLY ON YOURSELF. PERHAPS THIS WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO CONTACT THAT FRIEND YOU HAVE BEEN AVOIDING? SEND THEM MY REGARDS AS WELL. FAREWELL.

8.1: VICTORY! MY FRIEND! WE HAVE DONE IT! USING OUR COMBINED WITS WE HAVE DONE THE IMPROBABLE! MY WHOLE HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS. I WISH YOU THE BEST WITH YOUR NEW ITEM! I'M CERTAIN THAT IT WILL COMPLETELY FULFILL THE PURPOSE YOU INTEND FOR IT. HOW WONDERFUL! SADLY WE MUST NOW PART WAYS, HOWEVER LOOK FOR MY FUTURE GUIDE ON RETIREMENT PLANNING. IT WILL BE OF GREAT USE TO YOU. GOOD BYE.

THIS MIDDLE PAGE WAS QUITE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK. YOU DOUBT ME? I DOUBT YOU
WOULD HAVE FOUND THE ADDENDUM WITHOUT THIS MEANS OF SEPARATION! BE GONE!

APPENDIX A: DETERMINE HOW MUCH TO BID

A-1: YOU NEED TO FIGURE OUT HOW MUCH TO BID ON AN ITEM ON EBAY. I AM TELLING YOU THIS. I AM HERE TO HELP! THINK OF A DOLLAR AMOUNT THAT YOU WOULD PAY FOR THIS ITEM. HAVE YOU DONE THIS? WE VENTURE TO A-2

A-2: ASK YOURSELF, IF THE ITEM SOLD FOR ONE DOLLAR MORE THAN THIS AMOUNT, WOULD YOU BE REGRETFUL YOU HADN'T BID JUST ONE ADDITIONAL DOLLAR?

YES- AH HA! I AM PLEASED YOU REFERENCED THIS ADDENDUM! YOUR AMOUNT WAS ONE DOLLAR LACKING! ADD THE DOLLAR TO YOUR AMOUNT AND RETURN TO A-2.

NO- SOUND THE SIREN! WE HAVE ARRIVED AT OUR GOAL! ALMOST. FINISH WITH A-3

A-3: TAKE THIS AMOUNT AND ADD SOME UNUSUAL PART OF A DOLLAR TO IT. THIS COULD BE ANY AMOUNT OF CENTS BETWEEN 6 AND 88. BY BIDDING THIS EXTRA PORTION OF A DOLLAR YOU STAND TO OVERTAKE ANY BIDDER THAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED TO ENTER YOUR SAME AMOUNT. THOSE RASCALS! HOW THEY UNDERESTIMATE YOU! YOU NOW HAVE YOUR AMOUNT TO BID. APPENDIX FINISHED.

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