Wilde's Wit and Wordplay An epigram is a brief, witty statement, usually a generalization about some aspect of life.Mabel's remark isn't meant to be cruel, simply candid; she can see exactly how old Lord Goring is so his attempt to downplay his age fails, to comedic effect.In other instances epigrams are windows on broader, more profound, issues."Morality" refers to a code that defines what society considers good or bad behavior.Epigrams convey big messages in compact form.Its purpose is to .surprise, delight, and often provoke its audience."Weeks" doesn't change his age much at all

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