Epigrams and Aphorisms
Schemes and Tropes

- Scheme- A change in the standard word order or pattern

- Trope- The use of a word, phrase, or image different from its normal use
Epigrams

- Epigram - A short witty saying or poem

- Example - "I never travel without my diary. One should always have something sensational to read on the train." – Oscar Wilde

- Oscar Wilde is famous for his epigrams produced in his plays

- Scheme
Aphorism

Aphorism- A statement that expresses a general truth or a moral principle

Example- “Truth is a funny thing; you never really know if you can trust someone, until you find out you can’t.”

Scheme
Epigrams vs. Aphorisms

- Epigrams- More “tongue and cheek”, meant to be humorous, and can hurt or help the authors piece by the context which the epigram is used.

- Aphorism- Witty yet has a certain truth to it, affirms the truth being made, and can close the authors point and is more formal than the epigram.
Practice

1. Many would be cowards if they dared.
2. If you can’t be a good example, you’ll just have to be a horrible warning.
3. I don’t approve of political jokes; I have seen too many get elected.
4. If you think you’re too small to make an impact, go to bed with a mosquito.
5. Some cause happiness wherever they go; others whenever they leave.