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The word is derived from the Greek ἐπίγραμμα epigramma 'inscription' from ἐπιγράφειν epigraphēin 'to write on, to inscribe', and the literary device has been employed for over two millennia. The presence of wit or sarcasm tends to distinguish non-poetic epigrams from aphorisms and adages, which tend to lack those qualities.

~~Epigram - Wikipedia~~

The most basic definition of an epigram is a brief, clever, and memorable statement. Some of them are formulated with satirical purposes in mind, and others are purposely meant to be confusing. For example, John Donne uses an epigram in his poem "Hero and Leander" when he writes: "Both robb'd of air, we both lie in one ground

~~Examples of Epigrams - YourDictionary.com~~

Did You Know? Ancient Greeks and Romans used the word epigramma (from Greek epigraphēin, meaning "to write on") to refer to a concise, witty, and often satirical verse.

~~Epigram | Definition of Epigram by Merriam-Webster~~

An epigram is a concise, clever, and sometimes paradoxical statement or line of verse.

~~Definition and Examples of Epigrams in English~~

Epigram is a rhetorical device that is a memorable, brief, interesting, and surprising satirical statement. It originated from the Greek word epigramma, which means " inscription," or "to inscribe." Often ingenious or witty statements are considered as epigrams, such as this quote by Eleanor Roosevelt:

~~Epigram - Examples and Definition of Epigram~~

Epigram, originally an inscription suitable for carving on a monument, but since the time of the Greek Anthology (q.v.) applied to any brief and pithy verse, particularly if astringent and purporting to point a moral.

~~Epigram | poetic form | Britannica~~

An epigram is a short, pithy saying, usually in verse, often with a quick, satirical twist at the end. The subject is usually a single thought or event. History of the Epigram Form

~~Epigram | Academy of American Poets~~

Epigrams are what Churchill was doing when he said: "To improve is to change, so to be perfect is to have changed often." Or Balzac: "All happiness depends on courage and work." Ah yes, epigrams are often funny too. That's how we remember them. Napoleon: "Never interrupt an enemy making a mistake." François de La Rochefoucauld: "We hardly find any persons of good sense save ...

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noun any witty, ingenious, or pointed saying tersely expressed. epigrammatic expression: Oscar Wilde had a genius for epigram. a short, often satirical poem dealing concisely with a single subject and usually ending with a witty or ingenious turn of thought.

~~Epigram | Definition of Epigram at Dictionary.com~~

An epigram is a short but insightful statement, often in verse form, which communicates a thought in a witty, paradoxical, or funny way.

~~Epigram: Definition and Examples | LiteraryTerms.net~~

Martial, the father of the epigram, was one of the brilliant provincial poets who made their literary mark on first-century Rome. His Epigrams can be affectionate or cruel, elegiac or playful; they target every element of Roman society, from slaves to schoolmasters to, above all, the aristocratic elite.

~~Epigrams by Marcus Valerius Martialis — Goodreads~~

Marcus Valerius Martialis (known in English as Martial / 'mɑːrʃəl /) (March, between 38 and 41 AD - between 102 and 104 AD) was a Roman poet from Hispania (modern Spain) best known for his twelve books of Epigrams, published in Rome between AD 86 and 103, during the reigns of the emperors Domitian, Nerva and Trajan.

~~Martial — Wikipedia~~

An epigram is a short and witty statement, usually written in verse, that conveys a single thought or observation. Epigrams typically end with a punchline or a satirical twist. Some additional key details about epigrams:

~~Epigram — Definition and Examples | LitCharts~~

Oxford World's Classics Martial's epigrams target every level of Roman society, from slave to aristocrat. This newly translated selection is as punchy and close to the knuckle as the originals. One of only two substantial modern translations since 1972, and the first by a classicist.

~~Epigrams — Martial — Oxford University Press~~

epigram, a short, polished, pithy saying, usually in verse, often with a satiric or paradoxical twist at the end. The term was originally applied by the Greeks to the inscriptions on stones. The epigrams of the Latin poet Martial

~~Epigrams | Article about Epigrams by The Free Dictionary~~

1. a witty, ingenious, or pointed saying tersely expressed. 2. epigrammatic expression: a genius for epigram. 3. a short, concise poem, often satirical, displaying a witty or ingenious turn of thought. [1400-50; late Middle English < Latin epigramma < Greek epigramma inscription, epigram.

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Many scholars have been calling for a new edition of Sir John Harington's Epigrams. Gerard Kilroy, using the three manuscripts arranged and revised by the author, offers the first complete text in print of Harington's four hundred Epigrams, uncovers Harington's elaborate design of forty theological decades, and restores the emblems and political elegies that Harington uses to frame his complete collection and define its serious purpose.

Triumphant Demons stand, and Angels start, To see the abysses of the human heart. -- Landor English poetry is supposed to be short in epigrams. But here there is a choice of more

than 700 epigrams and epitaphs (which are epigrams of a special kind) from the sixteenth century to our time, familiar, unfamiliar, and even unknown. This ancient art of witty and satirical and also tender compression - an art as old as Plato and as young as the youngest living poet - has found its English masters in Herrick, Prior, Pope, Blake, Burns, Walter Savage Landor, Patmore and in twentieth-century masters Belloc and Robert Graves, all poets of strong liking or disliking. But poet after poet, major and minor and anon, has hated, loved, laughed, ridiculed, in couplets and quatrains, taking his cue from the great Latin epigrammatist Martial, from the Latin epigrammatists of the Renaissance (in Elizabethan times every Winchester schoolboy was expecting to be able to write a neat Latin epigram) or from the Greek Anthology or from his own English (and French) predecessors. Here lie the bones of Elizabeth Charlotte, That was born a virgin and died a harlot. She was a virgin at seventeen, An extraordinary thing for Aberdeen. -- Anon He served his God so faithfully and well That now he sees him face to face, in hell. -- Belloc

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Greek 'literary' epigrams constitute one of the most versatile and dynamic poetic forms in the Hellenistic period. Originally modeled on the anonymous epitaphs and dedications inscribed on monuments throughout antiquity, these short poems came to include a variety of subtypes and served as a vehicle for Hellenistic poets to experiment with themes and motifs from other genres. This edition introduces students to a wide selection of epigrams from the third and second centuries BCE. It provides substantial help in construing the Greek and will be appropriate for those approaching the genre for the first time, whilst also containing material of interest to scholars. It includes work by the most important epigrammatists of this period, with substantial attention paid to the way these poets engage with the epigraphic and literary traditions. The Introduction provides an overview of the history of the genre and of its formal features, including dialect and meter.

Lush Diodorus sets the lads on fire, But now another has him in his net - Timarion, the boy with wanton eyes . . . Meleager, AP 12.109 Encompassing four thousand short poems and more, the ramshackle classic we call the Greek Anthology gathers up a millennium of snapshots from ancient daily life. Its influence echoes not merely in the classic tradition of the English epigram (Pope, Dryden) but in Rudyard Kipling, Ezra Pound, Virginia Woolf, T. S. Eliot, H.D., and the poets of the First World War. Its variety is almost infinite. Victorious armies, ruined cities, and Olympic champions share space with lovers' quarrels and laments for the untimely dead - but also with jokes and riddles, art appreciation, potted biographies of authors, and scenes from country life and the workplace. This selection of more than 600 epigrams in verse is the first major translation from the Greek Anthology in nearly a century. Each of the Anthology's books of epigrams is represented here, in manuscript order, and with extensive notes on the history and myth that lie behind them.

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