

WIT: NE’ER SO WELL EXPRESSED

Title of Selection: _____

Author: _____

Wit refers to a quality of writing that combines cleverness and symbolic imagery with polished language and a cool, controlled tone. Writers with wit present familiar human experiences and perceptions in exciting and memorable ways.

Characteristics of Wit	Examples from the Selection
Expression of intellectual brilliance	
Elegant expression of a truth about human nature	
Clever, polished, exact language	
Use of imagery and figures of speech to make connections	
Cool, controlled tone or manner	