The Importance of Being Earnest

Anticipation Guide

1 Why do some people act hypocritically? It is morally wrong to pretend to have beliefs, virtues, or standards that you do not actually have.

2 Is society as a collective unit always right? People should depend upon the conventions of society (that is, what their current culture says is the social norm) dictate their everyday behavior.

3 What do most people marry for? People should marry for love and not for any other reason.

4 Is pretending to be something that you aren’t different from lying?

5 How bad is it to deceive someone?

6 Does being good sometimes constrain you?

7 What does society think of people who profess to everyone that they are good and honest?