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Vanishing Treasures: The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum Heist

Short Answer Key

1. Isabella Stewart Gardner was a wealthy art collector who transformed her home into the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum to showcase her priceless collection of artworks.
2. The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum heist took place on March 18, 1990. The thieves gained access by posing as police officers.
3. Some of the stolen artworks included Rembrandt's "The Storm on the Sea of Galilee," Vermeer's "The Concert," and Degas' "A Lady and Two Gentlemen." The estimated value of the stolen art was over \$500 million.
4. The stolen artworks from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum heist have not been recovered. Empty frames remain in their place.
5. Investigators have pursued various theories and suspects, but the case remains unsolved. The heist is considered a theft of cultural heritage due to the missing masterpieces.

