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## Enigma of the Pearl

### Open-Ended Response Questions

1. Who do you think the girl in "Girl with a Pearl Earring" might be, and what could be the story behind her expression and the pearl earring?
2. How does the use of shadow and light contribute to the overall mood and atmosphere of the painting, and what emotions does it evoke in viewers?
3. Why do you think the poem refers to the pearl earring as "mysterious and bright," and what do you think it symbolizes beyond its physical appearance?
4. How does the painting "Girl with a Pearl Earring" capture a moment frozen in time, and what makes it a timeless work of art?

