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## Mystery and Beauty: The Girl with a Pearl Earring by Johannes Vermeer

### Short Answer

1. Describe the girl's expression in "Girl with a Pearl Earring" and explain why it is often considered mysterious.
2. What is the significance of the pearl earring in the painting, and how does Vermeer use light to enhance its appearance?
3. How does Vermeer's use of light and shadow contribute to the overall atmosphere of the painting?
4. Why is "Girl with a Pearl Earring" sometimes called the "Dutch Mona Lisa," and what similarities can be drawn between the two paintings?
5. What emotions or thoughts do you imagine the girl in the painting might be experiencing, and how does Vermeer's technique convey these feelings?

