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

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers will vary but should demonstrate an understanding of the emotions and thoughts the girl might have experienced during the painting's creation.
2. Answers will vary. Possible questions could include asking about Vermeer's inspiration, artistic choices, and the identity of the girl.
3. Responses will vary. Encourage students to use their imagination to explore the backstory of the girl and the significance of the pearl earring in a creative way.
4. The enduring appeal of "Girl with a Pearl Earring" lies in its timeless beauty and the sense of mystery it evokes. It has influenced various forms of art, literature, and popular culture, from novels and films to fashion and advertising, demonstrating its lasting impact on human creativity and imagination.

