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Rijksmuseum: A Journey Through Dutch Art and History

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers may vary, but students might describe feelings of wonder, admiration, and fascination as they stand before Vermeer's "Girl with a Pearl Earring," appreciating the artwork's exquisite details and enigmatic expression.
2. Research and describe a specific historical artifact on display at the Rijksmuseum, such as a royal carriage, discussing its historical significance and role in Dutch culture.
3. Discuss the role of museums like the Rijksmuseum in preserving and promoting national identity and heritage, emphasizing their contribution to cultural appreciation, education, and the preservation of historical achievements.
4. Answers may vary, but a student might choose to explore a specific gallery or collection within the Rijksmuseum based on personal interests, such as Dutch Masters or historical artifacts. They would hope to gain a deeper understanding of the artwork and its cultural context.

