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The Scream of Existence

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers may vary, but some students may feel a sense of unease, fear, or existential contemplation when looking at the painting due to its portrayal of existential dread and anguish.
2. The artist may have been trying to convey the idea that life can be filled with existential dread and that the human experience is often marked by inner turmoil and uncertainty.
3. The painting uses the predominant red color in the sky and the twisted, distorted landscape to create a sense of chaos and discomfort, contributing to the overall feeling of dread.
4. The scream in the painting may represent the existential angst and inner turmoil that individuals sometimes experience when confronting the complexities and uncertainties of life.

