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Reflections of Serenity

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers may vary, but some students may feel a sense of calmness, serenity, and appreciation for the beauty of nature when looking at the painting because of its tranquil depiction of a pond with water lilies.
2. Monet may have chosen to paint water lilies in multiple works to explore different aspects of light, color, and tranquility, and to capture the ever-changing beauty of nature.
3. The poem conveys the idea that simplicity can be beautiful and serene through its descriptions of the serene pond, gentle breeze, and the delicate beauty of the water lilies, highlighting the charm of simple, natural elements.
4. Monet may have wanted to convey a message of finding beauty and serenity in the simplicity of nature. The painting achieves this message through its tranquil portrayal of a serene pond and water lilies, inviting viewers to appreciate the beauty of the natural world.

