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Johannes Vermeer: The Mysterious Master of Light

Open-Ended Response Questions

1. Discuss the influence of chiaroscuro in Vermeer's artistic style, and explain how it contributed to the realism of his paintings.
2. Explore the allure and enduring popularity of Vermeer's painting "Girl with a Pearl Earring," and speculate on the identity of the mysterious subject.
3. Describe the significance of Vermeer's focus on domestic and everyday scenes in his paintings, and explain how it reflects the culture of the Dutch Golden Age.
4. Reflect on the enigmatic aspects of Johannes Vermeer's life and work, including the limited number of known paintings and the mysteries that surround his artistic process.

