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James McNeill Whistler: Painting with Harmony

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. (James McNeill Whistler often depicted themes of mood, harmony, and the play of color in his art. His emphasis on capturing the essence of a scene through these elements set him apart as an artist.)
2. (James McNeill Whistler's libel lawsuit against John Ruskin had significant financial consequences and added to the challenges he faced during his career. It was a high-profile legal battle that garnered attention in the art world.)
3. (James McNeill Whistler's legacy endures through his innovative approach to art, particularly his pursuit of harmony and mood. His influence can be seen in the work of later artists and in the continued appreciation of his art.)
4. (James McNeill Whistler's belief in "art for art's sake" reflected his artistic philosophy, emphasizing the intrinsic value of art as a means of expressing beauty and emotion without the need for excessive symbolism or narrative.)

