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Whistler's Serene Portrait

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers may vary, but some students may suggest that the portrait captures the essence of motherhood through its portrayal of quiet dignity, wisdom, and the enduring love that a mother has for her child.
2. Answers may vary, but some students may suggest that Whistler wanted to convey the depth and complexity of his mother's character and the special bond between a mother and her child.
3. The grayscale color palette contributes to a sense of timelessness and emphasizes the quiet and dignified nature of the subject, enhancing the painting's mood and meaning.

