

2. Girl with a Pearl Earring



The Girl with a Pearl Earring depicts a young woman in a dark space. She wears a blue and gold turban, the pearl earring, and a gold jacket with a white collar. It was painted by Dutch artist Johannes Vermeer.

Some people believe that the girl in the painting is imaginary, whereas others believe that it is a real person. It is also said that she could be Vermeer's own daughter, Maria Vermeer.

Quick Facts:

- Nobody knows exactly when the painting was completed. However, some people estimate that it was painted in the year 1665.
- The original painting is quite small. It measures 44.5 by 39 centimeters.
- Some people call this painting 'The Mona Lisa of the North' or 'The Dutch Mona Lisa'.
- The work is kept in the **Mauritshuis museum in the Netherlands**.

Questions:

1. Who painted The Girl with The Pearl Earring?
2. Who is the girl in this painting?
3. Where is it kept?
4. What are the measurements of this work?
5. What are other names for this painting?