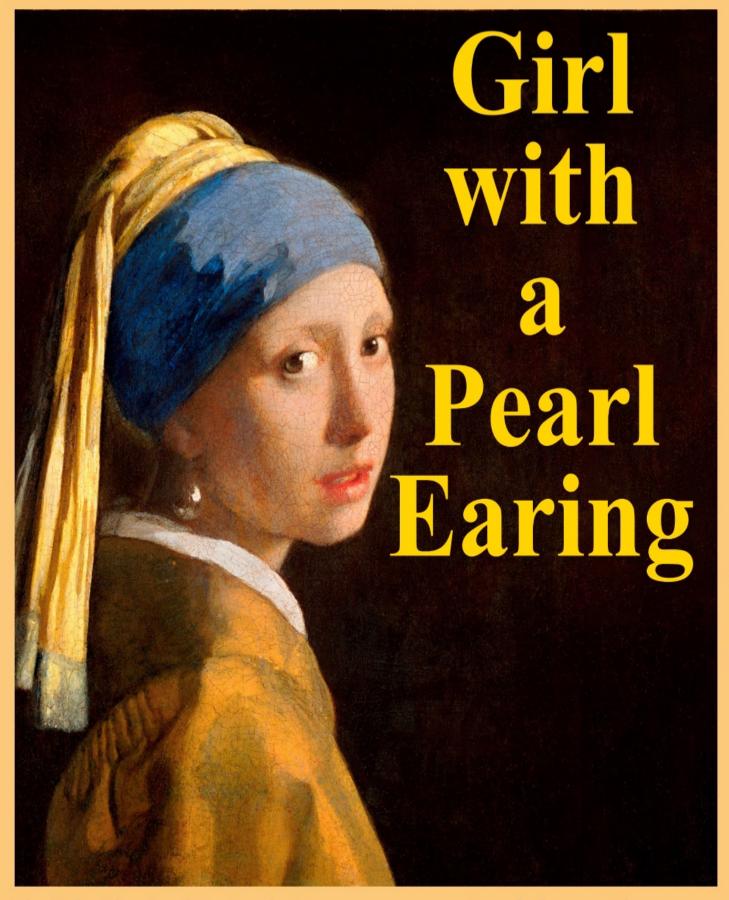
## **Quick Facts:**

- 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?



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.