

Painting # 5

The Hague, Netherlands

Title: *Girl with a Pearl Earring*

Artist: Johannes Vermeer

(Dutch Republic) Present Day Netherlands

Date of Painting: 1665

(Style, Baroque)

This painting is striking! The girl's expression is visual art at its best. Does she not seem to be looking directly at you?

People seem to never forget her face. It has a rare ability to connect with people on a deep emotional level.

Girl with a Pearl Earring has been the subject of novels, movies, and copied as a famous street painting in Bristol, England. Vermeer is said to have produced only thirty-four paintings in his life. He painted with great care, using the most expensive paints available. He died poor, leaving his wife and children in poverty. However, he left the rest of us rich through his works of art.