

Painting # 6

Musee d'Orsay, Paris, France

Title: *Arrangement in Grey and Black No. 1*

(also known as Portrait of Artist's Mother and best known as Whistler's Mother)

Artist: James Whistler

(United States, Lowell, Massachusetts)

Date of Painting: 1871

(Style, Tonalism - based on tonal harmony as in music)

This prized painting by an American artist was purchased by the State of France in 1891. From the first time it was displayed, this painting has drawn differing emotional reactions. Some find it dull, others find it moving. His other paintings are mostly colorful.

He was born in Massachusetts and accepted into West Point Military Academy. He did not fit into the military life style and was dismissed by Supt. Robert E. Lee based on excessive demerits. Did he learn something at school? Yes, he did learn he loved to draw.

This picture is on a US Postage Stamp. A statue of him is in London, England, where he worked and lived, as a tribute to his art.