

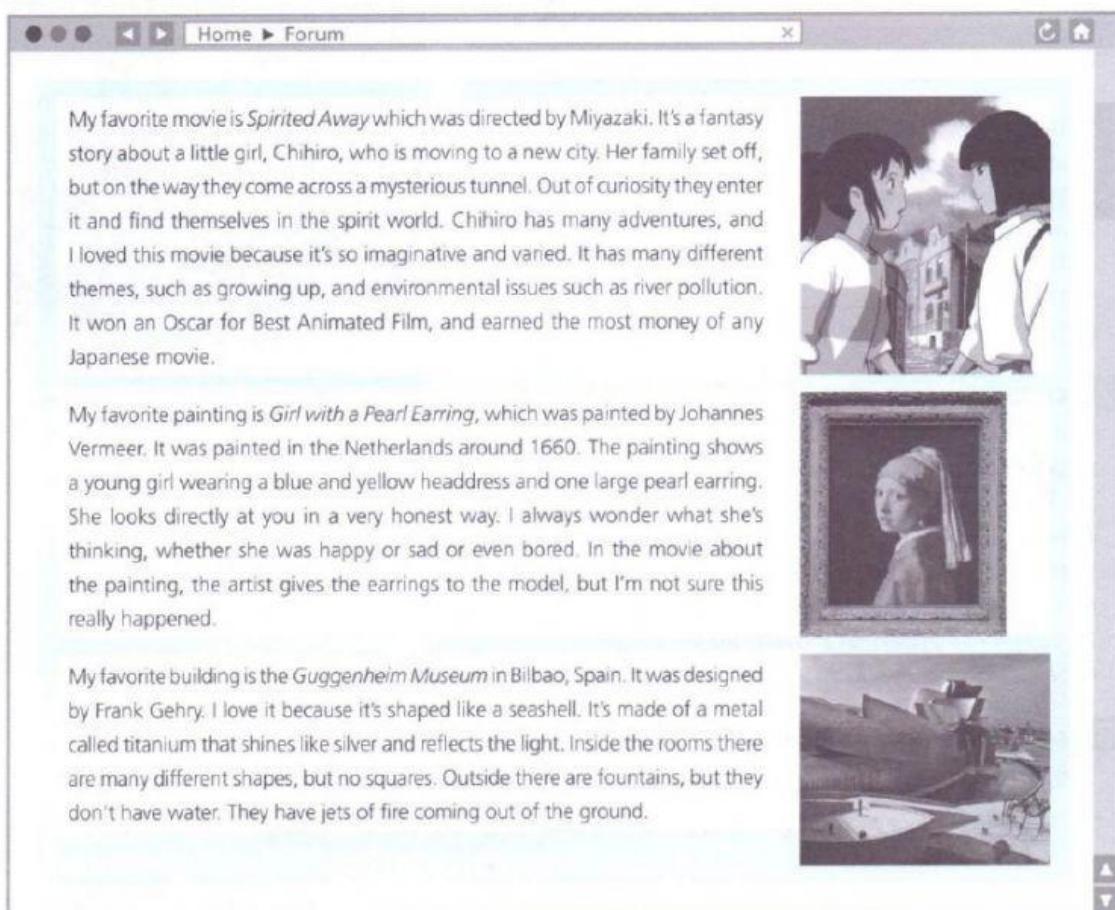
Reading

1 Read the web posts and write T (true) or F (false) for each statement.

My favorite movie is *Spirited Away* which was directed by Miyazaki. It's a fantasy story about a little girl, Chihiro, who is moving to a new city. Her family set off, but on the way they come across a mysterious tunnel. Out of curiosity they enter it and find themselves in the spirit world. Chihiro has many adventures, and I loved this movie because it's so imaginative and varied. It has many different themes, such as growing up, and environmental issues such as river pollution. It won an Oscar for Best Animated Film, and earned the most money of any Japanese movie.

My favorite painting is *Girl with a Pearl Earring*, which was painted by Johannes Vermeer. It was painted in the Netherlands around 1660. The painting shows a young girl wearing a blue and yellow headdress and one large pearl earring. She looks directly at you in a very honest way. I always wonder what she's thinking, whether she was happy or sad or even bored. In the movie about the painting, the artist gives the earrings to the model, but I'm not sure this really happened.

My favorite building is the *Guggenheim Museum* in Bilbao, Spain. It was designed by Frank Gehry. I love it because it's shaped like a seashell. It's made of a metal called titanium that shines like silver and reflects the light. Inside the rooms there are many different shapes, but no squares. Outside there are fountains, but they don't have water. They have jets of fire coming out of the ground.



- 1 *Spirited Away* was one of the most successful Japanese movies ever.
- 2 The movie is just a fantasy story.
- 3 Chihiro's family accidentally enter the mysterious world.
- 4 It's easy to tell what the girl in the painting was feeling.
- 5 In the movie the girl in the painting wasn't given the pearl earring.
- 6 The Guggenheim in Bilbao is a very unusual building.
- 7 The building is made of silver.
- 8 The fountains are not like normal fountains.