

## Core Skills Analysis

### History

- Learned about the origins of Japanese gardens and their significance in Japanese culture.
- Explored historical figures or events that influenced the design and use of gardens in Japan.
- Recognized the evolution of Japanese gardens through different periods of Japanese history.
- Identified the role of gardens in traditional Japanese life as spaces for contemplation and family gatherings.

### Science

- Discovered plant biology by observing different plant species used in Japanese gardens.
- Examined the ecosystem present in a garden setting, including relationships between flora and fauna.
- Learned about the importance of water features in garden design and their biological roles.
- Discussed the concept of sustainability and how Japanese gardens can reflect environmental stewardship.

### Social Studies

- Explored cultural values and aesthetics reflected in Japanese garden design.
- Gained insights into community practices around tea ceremonies that often take place in gardens.
- Interacted with elements of Japanese hospitality as observed in garden cafes.
- Learned about social roles and customs associated with garden maintenance and appreciation.

### Science and Technology

- Investigated the role of technology in modern gardening practices and design.
- Explored tools and techniques used for maintaining gardens and how they have evolved.
- Understood how engineering principles are applied in designing water features and paths in gardens.
- Discussed the impact of climate change on garden planning and plant selection.

### Tips

To further enhance Pria's learning experience, consider organizing a visit to a local Japanese garden where she can participate in a guided tour. Encourage her to keep a nature journal to document her observations, drawings, and reflections about her visit. Incorporating elements of Minecraft, you could assign her a project to recreate a Japanese garden within the game, as this will help her apply her learning creatively while fostering her understanding of the cultural and historical aspects of Japanese gardens.

### Book Recommendations

- [The Secret Garden](#) by Frances Hodgson Burnett: A classic story about a young girl who discovers a hidden, neglected garden and learns about friendship, growth, and healing.
- [Planting a Rainbow](#) by Lois Ehlert: A vibrant introduction to various plants and flowers, teaching children about colors and growth cycles.
- [Yoshiko's Kites](#) by Kimeru Ohta Yamada: A touching story that explores Japanese traditions, including kite flying during festivals, set against the backdrop of Japanese culture.