

## Core Skills Analysis

### Geography

- Developed skills in locating countries on a map, enhancing spatial awareness and geographical literacy.
- Gained understanding of different countries' cultures, climates, and physical features through focused research.
- Enhanced ability to compare and contrast global regions based on economic, environmental, or social indicators.
- Practiced interpreting various sources like atlases, online databases, or encyclopedias to gather accurate country information.

### Research Skills

- Learned to identify reliable sources and extract relevant facts about a specific country.
- Improved note-taking and summarization abilities by organizing collected information effectively.
- Practiced critical thinking by evaluating the credibility and relevance of different websites or materials.
- Gained awareness of digital literacy challenges and how to avoid misinformation during research.

### Social Studies

- Expanded knowledge about global diversity and cultural practices found around the world.
- Developed empathy and global awareness by exploring lifestyles, languages, and traditions different from their own.
- Understood the interconnectedness of countries through trade, history, or international relations.
- Recognized the importance of history and geography in shaping a country's identity.

### Tips

To further deepen understanding and engagement, encourage the student to create a detailed country profile, including maps, flags, key historical events, and cultural highlights. They could present their findings to family or friends to build communication skills. Integrating creative projects like cooking a traditional dish or listening to music from the researched country can make learning experiential and memorable. Additionally, comparing two or more countries side-by-side on parameters such as climate, population, and customs can foster analytical skills and global perspective.

### Book Recommendations

- [Lonely Planet Kids Amazing World Atlas](#) by Lonely Planet Kids: A beautifully illustrated atlas packed with fascinating facts about countries worldwide, perfect for young explorers.
- [National Geographic Kids Beginner's World Atlas](#) by National Geographic Kids: Interactive and engaging, this atlas introduces children to the world's geography, cultures, and features.
- [Children Just Like Me: A Unique Celebration of Children Around the World](#) by Anita Ganeri: Profiles of children from different countries helping readers understand and appreciate global diversity.

### Learning Standards

- Geography KS2 - locate the world's countries, describe features of different regions (National Curriculum 2014: Geography 3a, 3b)

- History KS2 - understand connections between geography and history (History 1b)
- English KS2 - develop research and note-taking skills; present information clearly (English: Writing & Reading KS2)
- PSHE - understanding global citizenship and cultural diversity (PSHE education guidance)

### **Try This Next**

- Create a country comparison chart highlighting key facts like population, language, climate, and traditions.
- Write a travel diary entry as if visiting the researched country, describing sights, customs, and foods experienced.