

Core Skills Analysis

History

- Patrick learned about Henry Parkes, an important figure in Australian history known as the 'Father of Federation'.
- He discovered the key contributions Henry Parkes made towards the development of Australian national identity.
- Patrick explored the social and political context of the 19th century Australia in which Parkes was influential.
- He began to understand how individual leadership and vision can impact a country's future.

Tips

To deepen Patrick's understanding of Henry Parkes and his significance, encourage him to explore different perspectives about Parkes' impact through primary source materials such as speeches or letters. Role-play activities or debates where Patrick can argue from Parkes' point of view could help internalize the historical context. Additionally, connecting Parkes' efforts to modern Australian governance and federation can make history feel relevant and alive. Visiting a local museum or historic site related to Australian federation would provide experiential learning to complement his studies.

Book Recommendations

- [Henry Parkes: The Father of Australian Federation](#) by Ann O'Brien: An accessible biography detailing the life and political achievements of Henry Parkes tailored for young readers.
- [Australia: A Biography of a Nation](#) by Mark McKenna: A broader look at Australian history including the federation era that provides context around Parkes' contributions.
- [The History of Australia for Young Readers](#) by Margaret Allen: A comprehensive overview of Australia's development highlighting important figures like Henry Parkes in an engaging style.

Learning Standards

- ACDSEH024 – Investigate and explain significant people and events in Australian history, such as Henry Parkes and federation.
- ACHHS205 – Identify different points of view in historical sources relating to late 19th century Australia.
- ACHHS206 – Use historical evidence from texts and media to interpret the past.
- ACHHS209 – Participate in historical inquiry and communicate findings in oral and written forms.

Try This Next

- Create a timeline worksheet highlighting Henry Parkes' major life events and political milestones.
- Write a short speech as if Patrick were Henry Parkes promoting federation to his audience.