

Social Studies, Grade 2
Unit VI: Lesson A3

Model: Japanese Garden



Research Japanese gardens to learn: 1) What different kinds of gardens are there? 2) What do the Japanese like about their gardens? 3) Why are gardens and other beautiful things of nature important to the Japanese? 4) Why do the Japanese make some gardens by raking small rocks into patterns? If possible, talk with a Japanese person or with a landscape architect to learn more about Japanese gardens.

Plan to make a model of a Japanese garden. Decide what things you must have in your garden to make it like a real Japanese garden. Decide what things you would need to collect to make a tiny garden look like a real one. Think about the things you could collect and choose those things that will not wilt or die.

Collect the things you need. Make a model of a Japanese garden. Write a report to put next to your model telling why gardens are important to the Japanese.