

Exploring Gyeongbokgung Palace

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Learning Goals

Welcome to Gyeongbokgung Palace, a place where kings once ruled! As you walk through the grand Gwanghwamun gate, imagine the power it represents. Look out for the Haetae statues, mythical creatures that guard the palace. Inside, you'll find the Geunjeongjeon Hall, where the king sat on a throne to make important decisions. Each part of the palace tells a story about Korea's royal past. Let's discover these stories together!



Key Vocabulary

throne

A special chair for a king or queen.

mythical

Related to imaginary stories or creatures.

pavilion

A building used for special events, often with open sides.

architecture

The design and style of buildings.

symbolize

To represent an idea or quality.



Curriculum Link

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Activities



Activity 1

The King's Throne

Why Chain

In the Geunjeongjeon Hall, the king's throne is placed high up, surrounded by beautiful decorations. This throne was where the king held meetings and ceremonies.

The height and decorations show the king's power and importance. But why is it so high?

The elevated position allowed the king to be seen by everyone, showing his authority. The rich decorations, like dragons and clouds, symbolize his connection to the heavens and his role as a leader.



Explore why the king's throne is placed so high and richly decorated.

Clue	Why 1	Why 2	Evidence
<p>The throne is high and richly decorated.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>Why might the throne be placed so high?</p> <p>-----</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>Why are the decorations so rich and detailed?</p> <p>-----</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>The throne's height and decorations show the king's authority and connection to the heavens.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>-----</p>

Use 'because' to connect each step.



Activity 2

Guardians of the Palace

Multiple Choice

At the entrance of Gyeongbokgung Palace, you'll find the Haetae statues. These mythical creatures are believed to protect the palace from evil spirits.

Haetae have the body of a lion and the scales of a dragon. They symbolize strength and protection.

But why use mythical creatures? In ancient times, people believed these creatures had magical powers to keep the palace safe.

The Haetae statues remind us of the importance of protection and the power of imagination.



Why do you think mythical creatures like Haetae are used for protection?

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They look strong and fierce.

They have magical powers.

They are just for decoration.



Activity 3

Gwanghwamun Gate

Coloring

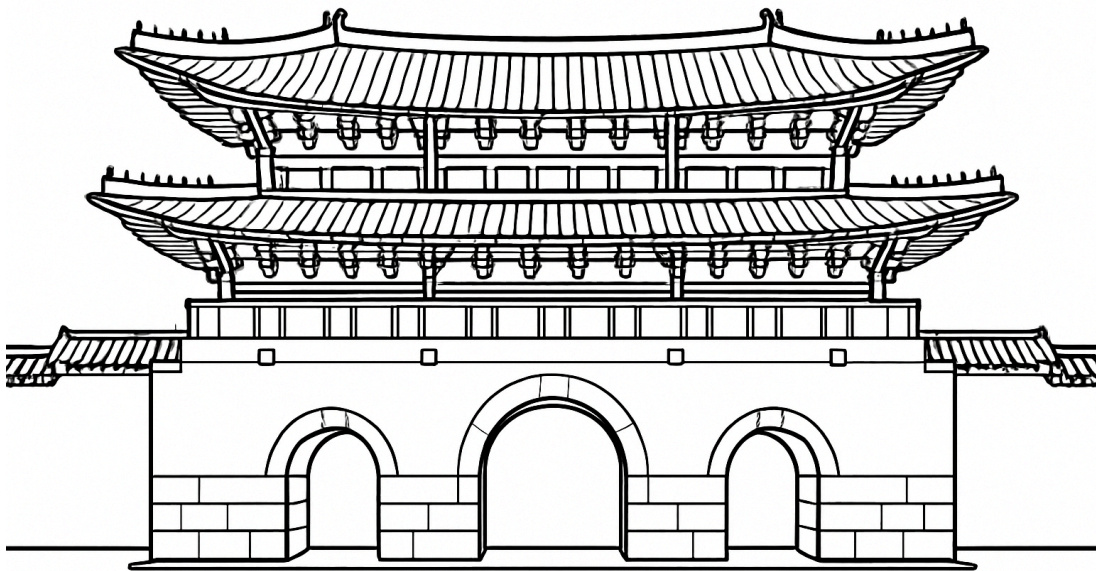
Gwanghwamun is the main gate of Gyeongbokgung Palace. Its grand size and location symbolize the entrance to royal authority.

The gate is large and impressive, showing the power and strength of the kingdom. But why such a large gate?

A big gate not only protects the palace but also shows the kingdom's strength to visitors. It stands as a symbol of the king's power and the importance of the palace.



Color the Gwanghwamun gate and notice its grand size and design.





Activity 4

Gyeonghoeru Pavilion

Short Answer

The Gyeonghoeru Pavilion is surrounded by a beautiful lotus pond. It was used for royal banquets and special events.

The water and pavilion create a peaceful setting, perfect for important gatherings. But how does this setting enhance the experience?

The calm water reflects the pavilion, adding to the beauty and tranquility. This serene environment made events feel special and important, highlighting the significance of the occasion.



How does the setting of Gyeonghoeru Pavilion enhance royal events?

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Activity 5

Traditional Architecture

Comparison

Gyeongbokgung Palace features traditional Korean architecture with curved roofs and intricate wooden designs. These elements are not just for beauty; they serve important functions.

The curved roofs help with rainwater drainage, and the wooden designs provide stability. But how do these choices reflect the culture of the time?

The architecture shows a deep respect for nature and practicality, blending beauty with function. It reflects the values and needs of the people who built it.



Sort the architectural features into their functions and meanings.

Option bank: curved roofs, intricate designs, wooden beams, stone foundations

Function	Both	Meaning
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Reflection

Thank you for exploring Gyeongbokgung Palace with us! Each part of the palace tells a story about Korea's royal history and culture.

We hope you enjoyed discovering these stories and learning about the symbols and meanings behind them.

Which part of the palace surprised you the most, and why?

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In activity_4, we explored the Gyeonghoeru Pavilion. How do you think the setting of a place can change the way we experience events?

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✓ Answer Key

1 Why Chain

The King's Throne

The throne is high to show the king's authority, allowing him to be seen by all. The rich decorations symbolize his connection to the heavens and his role as a leader. Ask your child why being seen by everyone might be important for a king.

2 Multiple Choice

Guardians of the Palace

Mythical creatures like Haetae are used for protection because they are believed to have magical powers. Ask your child what other mythical creatures they know and what powers they might have.

3 Coloring

Gwanghwamun Gate

As your child colors Gwanghwamun, discuss how its size and design show the kingdom's strength. Ask them why a big gate might be important for a palace.

4 Short Answer

Gyeonghoeru Pavilion

The setting of Gyeonghoeru Pavilion enhances royal events by creating a peaceful and beautiful environment. The calm water and reflection add to the significance of the occasion. Ask your child how they feel in peaceful places and why that might be important for special events.

5 Comparison

Traditional Architecture

Curved roofs and stone foundations serve functional purposes like drainage and stability. Intricate designs and wooden beams reflect cultural values and aesthetics. Ask your child why blending beauty with function might be important in architecture.

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