Zara’s Landscape Art Adventure

Learning objective: To learn how to use foreground, middle ground, and background to create depth in a landscape drawing.

Follow the steps below to draw a beautiful landscape. Zara the Zebra wants you to show how far away things look. Use your pencil to draw light lines first.

Draw: Draw a landscape with three distinct areas. In the foreground, draw a large object like a bush or a rock. In the middle ground, draw a winding path or a small house. In the background, draw distant mountains or a large sun. Use a sharp pencil for details and press lightly for distant objects.

Label words: Foreground · Middle ground · Background · Horizon line · Texture

Steps:

1. Step 1: Draw a straight line across your paper to show where the sky meets the land. What is this line called?
2. Step 2: Draw a large tree or flower at the bottom of your page. This is the foreground. Why do objects in the foreground look bigger?
3. Step 3: Draw some small hills or clouds near your horizon line. These are in the background. Use the word bank to label your drawing.

4. Step 4: Use a pencil to add texture to your drawing, such as dots for grass or lines for tree bark. Describe one texture you added.