The great architect Frank Lloyd Wright designed the Gordon House in 1957 for Conrad and Evelyn Gordon. The house was built in 1963-1964. The site was the Gordon’s farmland on the banks of the Willamette River near Wilsonville, Oregon. The Gordons could see the Mt. Hood from their house. In 2001, the Gordon House was moved to The Oregon Garden in Silverton.

Nature influenced Frank Lloyd Wright’s work. He designed each building to be in harmony with its environment, connected in an organic way to its site. Frank Lloyd Wright said, “Study nature, love nature, stay close to nature. It will never fail you.”

Tell why you think the Gordon House is earth-friendly: _______________________

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What would you do to make the Gordon House more earth-friendly?
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Frank Lloyd Wright invented the **carport**. A **carport** is a covered area for parking cars. Can you find the **carport** at the Gordon House? Draw a car in the **carport**.

**Fretwork** is the name of the wood and glass patterns that Frank Lloyd Wright designed to control light and provide privacy in the Gordon House. The special **fretwork** designs cut into the wood are repeated. Circle the **fretwork** that you see.

This is a **horizontal line**: ———
Frank Lloyd Wright used many **horizontal lines** in his house designs. Find a **horizontal line** in the Gordon House and trace it. Write an H at each end of the **horizontal line** you trace.

This is a **vertical line**: \_\
Find a **vertical line** in the Gordon House. Trace the **vertical line**. Put a V at each end.

A **terrace** is a paved outdoor area next to a house and is open to the sky. Write a T on the Gordon House **terrace**. The Gordon House **terrace** is Frank Lloyd Wright’s favorite color! What is that color? ______________

A **balcony** is a platform that sticks out from a building on an upper floor. There are railings around a **balcony** for safety and shelter. Draw a person on a Gordon House **balcony**.

The Gordon House balconies are **cantilevers**. A **cantilever** is an object that extends out into space with support at only one end. A diving board is an example of a **cantilever**. Frank Lloyd Wright was famous for using **cantilevers** in his building designs. Find another **cantilever** in the picture and circle it. Hint: It is part of a tree!

Frank Lloyd Wright played with **blocks** when he was a child. He created house designs with his **blocks**. Find shapes in the Gordon House that look like **blocks**. Trace the **blocks** that you see and write a B inside.

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