Haiku Reader
ILS2A: I can analyze the literature that communicates ideas from different cultures.

Here are two haiku poems. A poet wrote them hundreds of years ago. His name is Matsuo Munefusa. He wrote them in Japan. A haiku poem uses words in a special way. The poet uses them to help people understand and envision their idea. It is a kind of picture that you don’t see on the page. But you see it when you read the words and think about what they tell you.

Directions:
Read the two poems.
Then choose one to illustrate, which means draw. Draw a picture that shows what you see when you read the poem. Draw the image you think the poet was thinking of. Then show your drawing to another student. Ask which poem you drew.

The old pond.
A frog leaps in.
Splash!

Lady Butterfly
Perfumes her wings
By floating
Over the orchid.