Feature Planning Document (Step 2)

Project: JavaScript Tetris

Forked from: https://github.com/chvin/react-tetris

→ Feature 1: Pause and Resume Functionality

User Story: As a player, I want to pause and resume the game so I can take breaks without losing progress.

Technical Requirements

- Add a new piece of state (e.g., isPaused) to track whether the game is paused.
- Update the useInterval hook to skip movement when paused.
- Create a "Pause/Resume" button to toggle this state.
- Display a visual overlay or label indicating when the game is paused.

Files Likely to Be Modified

- src/components/Tetris.js: For button, pause state, and visual indication.
- src/hooks/useInterval.js: To halt automatic piece dropping when paused.

Potential Challenges

- Avoiding unintended resets when toggling pause.
- Ensuring timers and score updates are completely halted and resumed correctly.

→ Feature 2: Dark Mode Toggle

User Story: As a user, I want to toggle a dark mode for more comfortable gameplay at night.

Technical Requirements

- Add a darkMode state to toggle styles.
- Apply conditional classes or CSS variables based on theme.
- Add a button to switch between light and dark modes.
- Create or update CSS styles to support both modes.

Files Likely to Be Modified

- src/styles/index.css: Add dark mode styles.
- src/components/Tetris.js: Add darkMode toggle logic.
- src/components/StartButton.js: Theme-specific styling updates.

Potential Challenges

- Managing global styles cleanly across components.
- Preventing visual glitches when toggling modes during gameplay.

→ Feature 3: Local Score Leaderboard

User Story: As a player, I want to view and save my highest scores so I can track my progress over time.

Technical Requirements

- On game over, compare score to local storage high scores.
- Store top 5 scores in localStorage.
- Create a new component to display the leaderboard.
- Display the leaderboard either on the game over screen or in a sidebar/modal.

Files Likely to Be Modified

- src/components/Tetris.js: Save and load scores.
- Create a new file: src/components/Leaderboard.js
- src/styles/index.css: Style the leaderboard.

Potential Challenges

- Managing localStorage read/write during rendering.
- Displaying scores cleanly in limited space.