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Lan Su Classical Chinese Garden

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1. Chinese gardens are designed around five fundamental design elements. Identify which these five elements.

2. Why did the Chinese include zig zag paths in their gardens? Would you like to have a zig zag path in your garden?

HOW OLD IS
LAN SU?

Lan Su looks old, but is it?
Enter the current year in the
box and subtract the date Lan
Su was started to find out
how old it is!

- 2000

TREASURE HUNT!

Find these three objects





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3. Many plants had symbolic meaning for the Chinese. For instance, the Pine tree represented immortality, the peach tree represented longevity, the orchid represented innocence, and the peony represented royalty. Think about your favorite plant or flower. Does it have any special meaning or symbolism for you? What is it?

FASCINATING FACT

Much of the rock used in the garden was imported from China, almost 500 tons of rock! Most important is the Tai'hu rocks found throughout the garden.



4. Chinese gardens are meant to be idealized landscapes, or an example of what a perfect landscape might look like if it existed in nature. If you were to design your own idealized landscape, what would you include in it? Draw a plan in the space below of what your idealized landscape might look like?