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

2. Find and define the following terms related to Chinese gardens:

Langzi

Tintang

Xie

Penjing

3. The concept of the scholar was an important element of Chinese gardens and was associated with the garden being a place of contemplation, solitude, and rejuvenation. Think about a garden that you are familiar with, such as your yard at home or local park. What type of feelings or activities do you associate with that garden, and how does it differ from the Chinese garden?



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4. Plants were an important element of Chinese gardens, not just because they are beautiful to look at, but because they had important symbolic meaning for the Chinese. Search through the virtual tour to find why the Chinese valued these specific plants?

Pine

Peony

Willow

Bamboo

Chrysanthemum

Peach Tree

Orchid

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.



5. 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?