ACTIVE VIDEO NOTE-TAKING

Master of the (Fishing) Nets Garden, originally designed by Shi Zhengzhi, 12th century, Suzhou, China

As you watch the video, write answers to the questions below. This activity will help you to develop the skill of identifying the important components discussed in this video.

1. The gardens at Suzhou were public/private. (circle one)
2. The site was made solely in the 12th century. (true/false)
3. How can we characterize the city of Suzhou, esp. in the Ming dynasty?
4. The Suzhou gardens are very natural. (true/false)
5. What is the rhythm created by the buildings, courtyards, and gardens?
6. What are the types of rocks found in the gardens, and why are they important?
7. What is meant by the “presentation of contrasts”?

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8. Describe the contemplative, intellectual realm of the garden.

9. A moon gate is a rounded doorway, which you pass through after stepping over a little ledge. (true/false)

10. Literary references were important in the design of the gardens. (true/false)

11. Social areas were separated from the contemplative areas. (true/false)

12. The gardens are a type of refuge. (true/false)

13. The gardens functioned as:

14. What were types of activities that were thought to help people rise to a higher level?