



Portland Classical Chinese Garden Reflections on Chinese Garden Poetry

1. What is the Chinese name of the Portland Classical Chinese Garden? Explain how this name can have both a descriptive and a poetic meaning.
2. How do Chinese poets find inspiration in a classical garden? Would you find inspiration from the same experiences? Why or why not?
3. In your own words, explain the form and the rules of a couplet.
4. Copy one of the couplets in the reading and connect the matching words.
5. Write your own interpretation of this couplet. (Think about BOTH what it represents in the natural world AND what it represents about people.)
6. Explain how a collaged poem is created and its significance.
7. Extend your thinking: How do poets bring China's past and present together in their garden-inspired poetry? (use the back of the paper for your thoughtful answer.)

