



Portland Classical Chinese Garden
The Five Elements: ROCKS

‘Worlds within Worlds’

1. Describe at least three (3) functions of rocks within a classical Chinese garden.
2. Calculate the number of years that have passed between the reign of Emperor Shun (2244-2206 BCE) and the present. **CHALLENGE:** Identify the century:
3. Define and explain what ‘Pilgrimage’ means. Explain the purposes of Emperor Shun’s pilgrimages.
4. Explain how the reference to Emperor Shun’s pilgrimage helps to bring China’s very long history into the present moment in a classical Chinese garden?
5. Identify the geographical origins of the Lake Tai rocks in classical Chinese gardens that are so highly esteemed. How do the rocks become so porous?

