

SONG DYNASTY LANDSCAPE PAINTING

Name: _____

Date: _____ Block: _____

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Objective: Create a Chinese style landscape painting

- ❖ The Chinese character for landscape is made of two characters meaning “mountains” and “water”
- ❖ Out of the chaos of the collapse of the T’ang Dynasty, people were drawn to the natural world as they found order in nature that was not found in their lives.
- ❖ Most paintings of the Song Dynasty were landscape scenes (mountains, rivers, forests, trees, bridges, paths, etc.) They were not scenes actually found in the world, but idealized by the artist.

0-5	Landscape elements – at least 2, should blend together well
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- ❖ Empty space should be left – it is Daoist belief that a person cannot know the whole truth about something.

0-3	Empty space –approximately ¼ of page is empty space (on one corner); should still be colored
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- ❖ You must have at least one person in your picture. However, make sure the person (or people) are small. Another Daoist belief is that nature is more powerful than human beings. The person/people should be looking off at the landscape, not at us. Song painters were inviting the viewer to “step into” the painting and become immersed in nature.

0-3	Person is small, looking away, clothing appropriate to culture, no stick figures
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- ❖ The rough draft (on the back of this paper) does not have to be colored. The final draft must be colored. Chinese painters used muted (earthy, not bold) colors.

0-3	Coloring is muted, blended earthy colors
0-2	Rough Draft : Missing, Incomplete, Complete

- ❖ Most paintings from this time period had a poem written on them. Part of being educated meant studying the “Three Perfections” (painting, calligraphy and poetry.) You need to compose a 10 to 15 word poem (or description) about your landscape drawing and *write it in Chinese* on your final draft. (see below)
 1. Go to translate.google.com
 2. Type your poem or description in the box and click on Chinese (simplified.)

0-5	“Poem” is 10-15 words, matches the drawing, hand done Chinese characters on the front, English translation on the back
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Final draft – all directions are followed, neat, title, name, date and block on front.

0-2	Name, date, block and title are on the front	0-2	Neatness	TOTAL:	0-25
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