

Worksheet for Patricia Blessing's "Water and Sound in Islamic Architecture"
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(to be used with [video linked here](#))



Key Takeaways:

1. What are some functions of water in Islamic architecture?
2. Where is water situated in the Bagh-e-Fin in Kashan, Iran? Where does this water come from?
3. How does water interplay, functionally and visually, with palatial architecture? Give an example from the presentation.



4. How does water interact with architecture acoustically in palaces? Give an example from the presentation.

5. How do fountains in mosques function in terms of ritual practice and aesthetic pleasure?

6. How is water used for healing in a hospital setting? Explain water's curative function in the Ottoman hospital discussed in the presentation.

Contextualizing the Work

Think of contemporary architectural spaces that you've visited in which water is present. In what ways is the interplay between architecture and water similar to those discussed in this video? In what ways are they different?