

Summary

This lecture provides an overview of design principles and elements of Italian Renaissance gardens. It begins with a brief look at the social, economic and political conditions that led to the emergence of Renaissance gardens. Then, the key design principles, such as Axial Planning, governing the design of the Italian Renaissance gardens are discussed. Next, three components of Italian Renaissance gardens, namely Water, Stonework and Evergreens, are discussed. Finally, design and features of gardens at Villa Medici, Villa d'Este and Villa Lante are presented.