

<p>The scientific study of plants.</p>	<p>An aquatic flower of extraordinary beauty, its petals open to the sun and close at night. The lotus is a symbol of beauty, rising out of muddy waters to elevate itself above the surface, unblemished and supremely elegant.</p>	<p>A climate distinguished by hot, dry summers, and mild, wet winters. The Santa Barbara region is one of only five places with a Mediterranean climate in the world.</p>	<p>The property, purchased in 1941 by Madame Ganna Walska, who applied her artistic talents to create unusual, dramatic, and beautiful gardens using rare plants. In 1958, she established the Lotusland Foundation to preserve her collections of exotic plants and encourage increased knowledge of plants.</p>
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<p>Botany</p>	<p>Lotus</p>	<p>Mediterranean Climate</p>	<p>Lotusland</p>
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<p>The protection of things found in nature. It requires the sensible use of all Earth's water, soil, plants, and animals so they will still be around in the future.</p>	<p>Short for 'biological diversity', biodiversity is the variety of organisms within any ecosystem. A biodiverse place has many species. Biodiversity is good because it makes ecosystems stronger and provides more materials to support all of life.</p>	<p>This is how Ganna Walska used to describe herself. It means you do not have to be like everyone else. You should always be your unique self!</p>
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