

**Warm-Up Activity:**

**Are Georgia's Oriental Borchalo Carpets Making a Comeback?**



**Predicting**

1. Describe what you see in the photo above. What materials, colors and patterns do you notice?
2. What might these objects tell us about the culture or traditions of the people who made them. Support your answer with one detail from the image.

**Exploring the Theme**

1. Why do you think such handmade rugs might matter to a community beyond their practical use?
2. How could global economic changes affect traditions like the one in the photo?

**Confirming Your Prediction**

3. If time allows, read over the first paragraph of the article. How does the story confirm or challenge your ideas about the photo?