

Warm-Up Activity:

Portugal's Enduring Love of Tilemaking



A 1906 postcard from Cairo, Illinois, records the city's geography, economy and history.

Predicting

1. What do you notice in this postcard of Cairo, Illinois?
2. Based on its details, what story do you think this town wanted to share about itself?

Exploring the Theme

1. Why might a US town choose the name Cairo? What images or ideas do you associate with that name?
2. How can a town's name influence how people imagine or understand it? Share an example from a place you know.

Confirming Your Prediction

3. If time allows, read over the first paragraph of the article. How does it confirm or challenge your earlier prediction?