

Warm-Up Activity:

From Influence to Innovation: How Cultural Exchange Shaped Gaudí's Architecture



Colorful tilework, geometric patterns and exposed brick cover Casa Vicens, Antoni Gaudí's first major project in Barcelona. The building reflects Islamic and *Mudéjar* influences that shaped his early architecture.

Predicting

1. Observe the image of Casa Vicens and read its caption. What details suggest that Gaudí drew inspiration from architectural traditions beyond Barcelona?
2. Based on the image and caption, what do you predict that means for Gaudí's architecture?

Exploring the Theme

1. Think about something you enjoy that combines influences from different cultures. What influences can you see, and what makes the result distinctive?
2. How can someone draw inspiration from another culture while creating something that expresses their own ideas or identity?

Confirming Your Prediction

3. Read over the first two paragraphs. How does Casa Vicens confirm or change your prediction about what the meaning of moving "from influence to innovation"?