

Warm-Up Activity:

Guarding George Town: One Voice Keeps Penang's Past Alive



With its blend of architectural styles, the Blue Mansion serves as a hotel and cultural venue within George Town, a UNESCO World Heritage city that aims to conserve its multiethnic legacy.

Predicting

1. Look at the title, image and caption. What details suggest this reading will focus on history, culture or preservation?
2. What challenges or changes do you think George Town has experienced over time?

Exploring the Theme

1. What places, buildings or traditions in your community help people remember the past? Why do they matter?
2. Why might cities choose to preserve older buildings and stories instead of replacing them with modern developments?

Confirming Your Prediction

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