Warm-Up Activity

Echoes Through Dubrovnik: Sevdalinka's Timeless Tales of Longing



Singer-songwriter Ibrica Jusić, with his dog Simba, is a sevdalinka fixture in the Old Town of Dubrovnik, Croatia, on the coast of the Adriatic Sea.

Predicting

1. Look closely at the photograph of Ibrica Jusić with his guitar and dog beside Dubrovnik's waterfront. What details catch your attention, and what atmosphere do they create?
2. What might this musician's songs communicate? Use a detail from the title or photograph to support your prediction.

Exploring the Theme

1. Think of a song you have heard performed in different ways. How did the performer's voice or musical choices change your experience of it?
2. When people pass a song from one generation to another, what might they want to keep, and what might they want to change? Why?

Confirming Your Prediction

1. After reading the opening three paragraph, what would you keep or revise in your prediction about the musician?

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