

Warm-Up Activity:

How Contemporary Art Preserves Cultural Memory Through Tradition



Created using traditional fiber techniques by a team of skilled craftswomen, this installation invites visitors to experience craftsmanship as something living rather than something left in the past. © Khalil Nemmaoui. With the support of Bank al Maghrib and CultureInterface.

Predicting

1. Study the title, photograph and caption. What details suggest that the artwork is connected to culture, history or tradition? What do those clues lead you to predict the article will explore?
2. The image shows a large handmade installation displayed at an international art exhibition. What message do you think the artist wants visitors to experience, and what evidence from the image supports your prediction?

Exploring the Theme

1. Think about an object, craft, tradition or place that is important in your family or community. What makes it meaningful, and how has it been passed from one generation to another?
2. Why might artists choose to preserve cultural traditions through creative works instead of simply displaying historical artifacts in a museum? What can art communicate that other forms of preservation may not?

Confirming Your Prediction

3. After reading the opening paragraph, how did the introduction confirm, change or expand your original prediction about the role of art in preserving culture?