

Warm Up:

Start by reading the headline: “Palermo’s Palimpsest Roads.” *Palimpsest* is not a common word. If you know what it means, write down its definition. If you don’t, look it up and jot down its meaning. Then, read the two quotations below the headline.

Working on your own or with a partner, write down a hypothesis: What do you think will be the main point—the thesis—of this article? Then read the captions of the photos and highlight, or write down, words or phrases that seem to support what you think is the thesis.¹

¹ Some Words/phrases: layered; repurposed; Arabic inscriptions on Christian structures; reuse of columns from Roman structures.