

Warm Up Activity:

In this activity, you will give a general overview of the article by looking at the first paragraph, the headings and a selection of photos from the article.

1. Work alone or form small groups of 3-4 students.
2. Get oriented to the article by reading the headline and the first paragraph of the article. Then look at the photos and their captions. Discuss the following questions:
 - What is the main idea of this article.¹
 - Where does the story take place?²
 - In what period does the story take place?³

With your partners, examine the second, third and fourth photos in the article and read the captions. Based on what you see and read, explain how this information gives you further clues about the main idea of the article.⁴

¹ The life and times of Septimius Severus, the first emperor from Africa.

² The Roman Empire

³ 193 CE to 211CE

⁴ Answers will vary. Explain why the additional information from the photos gives further clues about the main idea of the article.