

Warm-Up Activity:

Bridges are, concretely and symbolically, the ties that bind. They are linkages that seal the gaps between people and ideas and serve as passage to create a sense of belonging within society.

Read the article entitled *The Bridge of Meanings* to learn how the “Old Bridge” constructed in Bosnia-Herzegovina in 1566 embodies these concepts and more. It is the pride of generations of citizens who have crossed its iconic white limestone pathway for four centuries.

1. Work alone or in groups of 3-4 students.
2. Orient yourself toward the article by focusing on its headline, and the large-type pull-quotes. Look at the images, but don't read the captions.
3. Predict what you think the main idea of this article will be. Brainstorm a few questions you would like answered.

4. Revisit your questions after you've read the article and worked with the activities.