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**GUÍA DE TRABAJO #2 TEMA: REVIEW NARRATIVE, DESCRIPTIVE AND EXPLANATORY TEXTS.**

**COLOMBIA**

# GREAT COLOMBIAN CITIZENS

A nation can be famous for its people, its culture, and its wealth. Many Colombians have gained world-wide recognition for their intellectual, their cultural, or their artistic achievements which have helped make Colombia truly great. Colombians can be proud of their artists, scientists, sportsmen and women and of their contribution to Colombian Society.

Fernando Botero is a famous Colombian painter. He was born in Medellin. His works include paintings, drawings, and sculptures. He has created an original style, rich in hyperbole and baroque details. He uses gigantic figures with heads that appear to be disproportionately small.

They are obese, with simple features and expressions of



FERNANDO BOTERO

contentment. His paintings portray familiar aspects of daily life, viewed with humor and irony. Some of his famous paintings are: Maruja, The Cardinal, and Santa Rosa de Lima.

His sculptures have been exhibited in the main streets of Paris, Madrid, Rome and New York.

She is a lawyer and a famous opera singer. She was born in Switzerland but considers herself Colombian because her father is Swiss but her mother is Colombian. She lives in the U.S.A.

She studied music and law simultaneously. Then she devoted her life to music. She is a mezzo-soprano. Her first professional work was to interpret



MARTHA SENN

Bizet's Carmen in the National Opera. This made her very well-known in Colombia.

She has sung in very famous opera theaters around the world; among them, the Scala, in Milan, Italy. She has also toured little towns in Colombia, singing opera in front of a great variety of audiences.



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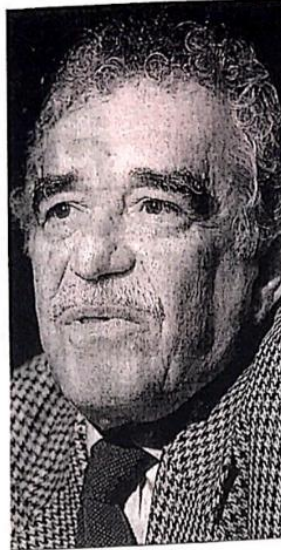
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Gabriel García Márquez is the most famous Colombian writer. He was born in Aracataca, Magdalena, in 1928. His father was a telegraph operator and his grandfather was a veteran colonel **who** participated in the Colombian civil war at the end of the last century. **He** says that, although he left Aracataca early in life, he still lives **there** in spirit.

The two central themes in his literary work are power and solitude. He is the creator of Macondo, a **world** that was very rich because of a banana boom but became very poor and corrupt.

He was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature in 1982. He has



GABRIEL GARCÍA MÁRQUEZ

written many books such as: One Hundred Years of Solitude (Cien Años de Soledad); The Autumn of the Patriarch, (El Otoño del Patriarca); Love in the Time of Cholera, (el Amor en Los Tiempos del cólera); The General in his Labyrinth, (El General en su Laberinto); Of Love and other Demons (Del Amor y Otros Demonios); and the most recent one, News of a Kidnapping, (Noticia de un Secuestro).

One Hundred Years of Solitude has sold more than 20 million copies and has been translated to more than 30 languages. He has also written film scripts (Edipo Alcalde, among others) and is very active as a writer, journalist and screen writer.

Manuel Elkin Patarroyo was born in Ataco, Tolima. He is a doctor and a brilliant researcher who, together with his team, has worked to produce the vaccine against malaria. In 1986 he produced it and it has been tested and approved by the World Health Organization. This vaccine is a great hope because **before this**, there was no vaccine to prevent **this illness** that kills thousands of people every year in tropical countries.

Although some international laboratories were interested in the vaccine, he did not sell **it**; instead, he donated it, in the



MANUEL ELKIN PATARROYO

name of the country, to the World Health Organization.

He has received several important international awards and distinctions, such as: The Prize for Science in Brazil the Edinburgh in England, the Robert Koch in Germany and the Prince of Asturias in Spain. He is nowadays the best known scientist we have.

He and his team are now working on a vaccine to cure leprosy.

Universities all over the world have invited **him** to give scientific lectures.



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### TASK 1

Read the text rapidly and find words that are similar in English and Spanish.

### TASK 2

Complete this table with the information from the texts.

NAME	PROFESSION	BORN IN...	FAMOUS BECAUSE...
Gabriel García Márquez			
	Medical doctor		
		Medellín	
			Presentation in the Scala, Milan.

### TASK 3

Use the information from the passage to complete the paragraph.

Great Colombian \_\_\_\_\_ have been recognized all over the \_\_\_\_\_ for their intellectual, cultural, and artistic \_\_\_\_\_. Gabriel García Márquez is one of the most important men in the field of \_\_\_\_\_; the central themes of his work are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Manuel Elkin Patarroyo is famous in the \_\_\_\_\_ field. His malaria \_\_\_\_\_ is a great \_\_\_\_\_ for thousands of people living in tropical areas. He has \_\_\_\_\_ it to the World Health Organization.

A very well known woman in the field of \_\_\_\_\_ is Martha Senn. She is an \_\_\_\_\_. She has interpreted many famous operas several times. She is also a \_\_\_\_\_ but she has devoted her life to \_\_\_\_\_. She has sung in many small Colombian towns.

No less important is Fernando Botero, who has created an original \_\_\_\_\_ with figures. He paints familiar aspects of daily \_\_\_\_\_ with humor and irony. These contributions have \_\_\_\_\_ honor to Colombia.



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### TASK 4

The words in column A appear in the text. Match them with their synonyms or equivalent expressions in column B.

- Column A
1. simultaneously
  2. doctor
  3. research
  4. solitude
  5. central
  6. famous
  7. gigantic
  8. illness
  9. hyperbole
  10. prize

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- Column B
- main
  - award
  - enormous
  - exaggeration
  - well-known
  - investigate
  - loneliness
  - at the same time
  - sickness
  - physician

### TASK 5

Read the text and pay attention to the words in bold. They refer to a word or an idea mentioned before in the text and are used to avoid unnecessary repetitions. Work with a partner and complete the chart below as best as you can. The first one has been done for you.

<b>Gabriel García Márquez</b>	<b>Refers to</b>
1. who	his grandfather
2. He	
3. there	
4. a world	
<b>Manuel Elkin Patarroyo</b>	<b>Refers to</b>
1. before this	
2. this illness	
3. it	
4. him	

### TASK 6

In the following passage there are two biographies mixed. Work with a partner and:



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- A. Separate them.  
B. Organize them coherently.  
C. Write the name of the person in the biographies.

- At various times, he was elected to govern three of the five countries that he helped to liberate.
- He was invited lecturer to several universities in the U.S.A. and England.
- He commanded the patriotic army during the wars for independence.
- He was the Minister of Education from 1970 to 1972. He was also an ambassador, a senator and a teacher.
- He travelled to Europe to complete his education.
- He was born in Bucaramanga on September 29, 1943.
- He wanted the liberated countries to form a great democratic federation of free states.
- He was presidential candidate for the liberal party twice.
- He liberated five South American countries from Spanish rule.
- He was killed in Soacha, Cundinamarca, in August 1989.
- He was born in Caracas, Venezuela in 1783.
- He died in Santa Marta in 1830.

BIOGRAPHY 1 _____	BIOGRAPHY 2 _____

**TASK 7**

Write a biography of another famous Colombian person you admire.

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