

Gabriel Garcia Marquez

1. who

2. He

3. There

4. a world

MANUEL ELKIN Pata-
rroyo

1. before this

2. this illness

3. it

4. him

REFERS TO

his grand father

is a great writer

I won the Nobel Prize
For Literature
that was very rich

REFERS TO

there was no vaccine

that kills thousands
of people.

that tested and approved

is a great medical
doctor

* Gabriel Garcia Marquez es el escritor colombiano mas famoso. Nacio en Aracataca, Magdalena, en 1928. Su padre era telegrafista y su abuelo era un coronel veterano que participo en la guerra civil colombiana a fines del ultimo centenario. Dice que, aunque dejo Aracataca temprano en su vida, todavia vive alli en espiritu.

Los dos temas centrales de esta obra literaria son el poder y la soledad. Es el creador del macondo, un mundo que era muy rico debido a boom bananero, pero que se volvio muy pobre y corrupto.

Fue galardonado con el premio Nobel de literatura en 1982. Ha escrito numerosos libros como: Cien años de soledad (one hundred years of soledad); el otoño del patriarca (el otoño de patriarca); Amor en tiempos de colera; El general en su laberinto; (El general en su laberinto); Del amor y otros demonios, y el mas reciente, Nuevo de un secuestro.

Cien años de soledad ha vendido mas de 20 millones de copias y se ha traducido a mas de 30 idiomas. Tambien ha blanqueado guiones cinematograficos (edipo alcalde, entre otros) y guionista.

* Manuel Alkin Patarrozo nacio en Atlix, Toluca. Es un medico y un brillante investigador que, junto con su equipo, ha trabajado para producir la vacuna contra la malaria. En 1986 lo produce y ha sido probado y aprobado por la organizacion mundial de la salud. Esta vacuna es un gran esperanza porque ante de esto, no existia una vacuna para prevenir esta enfermedad que mata a miles de personas.

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 Alcúzar, 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 name of the World Health Organization.

He has received several important international awards and distinctions, such as: The prize for Science in Brazil, the Edinburg 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.

cada año en los países tropicales.

Aunque algunos laboratorios internacionales estaban interesados en la vacuna al no la vendió, sino que la donó, a nombre de la Organización Mundial de la Salud.

Ha recibido importantes premios y distinciones internacionales; tales como: El premio de ciencia en Brasil el Edinburg en Inglaterra, el Robert Koch en Alemania y el príncipe de Asturias en España. Hoy en día es el científico más conocido que tenemos.

El y su equipo ahora están trabajando en una vacuna para curar la lepra.

Universidad de todo el mundo lo han invitado a dar conferencias científicas.

Task 1

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

~~(Task 2)~~

nation, culture, Colombian,
artists, original, figures, familiar,
Santa Rosa, Lima, national, opera,
civil, banana, General, Nobel,
Alcalde, produce, international,
Tolima, malaria

Task 2

Complete this table with the information from the texts.

NAME	PROFESSION	BORN IN...	FAMOUS BECAUSE...
Gabriel Garcia Marquez	Writer	Aracataca, Magdalena	was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature
Manuel Elkin Patarroyo	Medical doctor	Ataco, Tolima	for producing the malaria.
Fernando Botero	Painter Painter	Medellin	for his obese painting and sculpture
Maitina Senn	opera singer	Buzza	Presentation in the Scala, Milan.

TASK 3

Use the information from the passage to complete the paragraph.

- Great Colombian famous have been recognized all over the world for their ~~intel~~ intellectual, cultural, and artistic. of Colombian, Gabriel Garcia Marquez is one of the most important men in the field of literary; the central themes of his work are power and solitude. Manuel Elkin Patarroyo is famous in

the medicine field. His malaria vaccine is a great hope for thousands of people living in tropical areas. He has approved it to the World Health Organization.

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

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

TASK 4

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

COLUMN "B"

- | | |
|-----------|------------------|
| <u>5</u> | Main |
| <u>10</u> | Award |
| <u>4</u> | enormous |
| <u>9</u> | Exaggeration |
| <u>6</u> | well-known |
| <u>3</u> | Investigate |
| <u>4</u> | loneliness |
| <u>1</u> | at the same time |
| <u>8</u> | sickness |
| <u>2</u> | 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.

una mezzosoprano. Su primer trabajo profesional fue interpretar el Carmen de Bizet en la ópera Nacional, lo que la hizo muy conocida en Colombia.

Ha cantado en óperas muy famosas. teatros de todo el mundo; entre ellos Scala, en Milán, Italia. También ha recorrido pequeños pueblos de Colombia cantando ópera frente a una gran variedad de público.

- 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 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 de 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).

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 Colombia 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 close, with simple features and expressions of contentment. His paintings portray familiar aspects of daily life, viewed with humor and irony. Some of his famous paintings are: Marya, 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 Bizet's Carmen in the National Opera. This made her very well-known in Colombia.

She has sung in very famous opera theatres 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.

* Una Nación puede ser famosa por su gente, su cultura y su riqueza. Muchos Colombianos han ganado reconocimiento mundial por sus logros intelectuales, culturales o artísticos que han contribuido a que Colombia sea verdaderamente grande. Los colombianos quedan estar orgullosos de sus artistas, científicos, deportistas y de su contribución a la sociedad colombiana.

Fernando Botero es un famoso pintor colombiano. Nació en Medellín. Sus obras incluyen pinturas, dibujo y escultura. Ha creado un estilo original rico en hiperbólicos y detalles barrocos. Utiliza figuras gigantes con cabezas que aparecen ser desproporcionadamente pequeñas.

Son obesos con características y expresiones de contenido simples. Sus pinturas retratan aspectos familiares de la vida cotidiana, visto con humor e ironía. Algunas de las pinturas famosas de él son: Maruja, el Cardenal y Santa Rosa de Lima.

Su escultura se ha expuesto en la calle principal de París, Madrid, Roma y Nueva York.

* Ella es abogada y una famosa cantante de ópera. Nació en Suiza pero se considera colombiana porque su padre es suizo pero su madre es colombiana. Ella vive en los U.S.A. Estudio música y derecho simultáneamente. Luego dedicó su vida a la música. Ella es