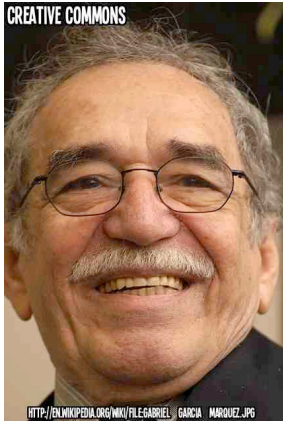


Novelist Gabriel García Márquez dies

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Gabriel García Márquez, one of the world's greatest novelists, has died, aged 87. He passed away at his home in Mexico. The official cause of death was a lung infection. The Colombian writer won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1982, among many more top literary awards. The Colombian government has announced three days of national mourning. A

spokesperson said García Márquez was, "a writer who changed the lives of his readership". His novel "Love in the Time of Cholera" is the best selling book written in Spanish of all time. He also wrote many more classics. Many critics place García Márquez among the most important writers ever. He helped develop a style of writing called "magical realism".

U.S. President Barack Obama paid a tribute to Márquez, saying: "The world has lost one of its greatest visionary writers." Former President Bill Clinton said: "I was always amazed by his unique gifts of imagination, clarity of thought, and emotional honesty. He captured the pain and joy of our common humanity in settings both real and magical." García Márquez once said he was a storyteller from a young age. He told an interviewer: "I have often been told by the family that I started recounting things, stories and so on, almost since I was born - ever since I could speak." Peruvian Nobel prize-winning author Mario Vargas Llosa said: "His novels will survive and will continue to find new readers everywhere."

Sources: *Latino FoxNews / BBC / Wikipedia*

Writing

Reading the book is better than watching the movie. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

novelists / infection / Nobel Prize / literary awards / mourning / best-seller / magical / tribute / visionary / amazed / unique / imagination / honesty / storyteller / survive

True / False

- Gabriel García Márquez passed away at his home in Colombia. T / F
- He died after having a heart attack. T / F
- Márquez wrote the best selling Spanish novel of all time. T / F
- Márquez helped develop a writing genre called "realism magic". T / F
- Bill Clinton said Márquez's imagination amazed him. T / F
- Clinton said Márquez captured both pain and joy in his novels. T / F
- Márquez started telling stories from the age of 18 months. T / F
- Another Nobel laureate said people will always read Márquez's novels. T / F

Synonym Match

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| 1. novelists | a. technique |
| 2. passed away | b. grief |
| 3. awards | c. narrating |
| 4. mourning | d. sang the praises of |
| 5. style | e. died |
| 6. tribute | f. astonished |
| 7. amazed | g. etc. |
| 8. recounting | h. prizes |
| 9. and so on | i. carry on |
| 10. continue | j. authors |

Discussion – Student A

- What do you think of Barack Obama and Bill Clintons' tributes?
- How is your imagination and creativity?
- Who is your favourite author (and why)?
- If you were an author, what kind of books would you write?
- Are men or women better writers?
- Are you a good storyteller?
- What kind of person becomes a great author?
- What questions would you like to have asked García Márquez?

Phrase Match

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| 1. one of the world's | a. mourning |
| 2. He passed | b. and so on |
| 3. three days of national | c. tribute to |
| 4. He also wrote many more | d. greatest novelists |
| 5. develop a style of writing called | e. of its greatest |
| 6. paid a | f. classics |
| 7. The world has lost one | g. by his unique gifts |
| 8. I was always amazed | h. "magical realism" |
| 9. I started recounting things, stories | i. readers everywhere |
| 10. continue to find new | j. away at his home |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you know about Gabriel García Márquez?
- Have you read any of his books?
- What kind of books do you like?
- How do you think García Márquez changed peoples' lives?
- What other writers are among the most important ever?
- Do you like writing?
- What would you like to know about Gabriel García Márquez?
- What do you think "magical realism" is?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

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6. d	7. f	8. c	9. g	10. i

Role Play

Role A – Novels

You think novels are the best books. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so interesting about their genres. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): encyclopaedia, teach yourself guides or biographies.

Role B – Encyclopaedia

You think encyclopaedia are the best books. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so interesting about their genres. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): novels, teach yourself guides or biographies.

Role C – Teach Yourself Guides

You think teach yourself guides are the best books. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so interesting about their genres. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): encyclopaedia, novels or biographies.

Role D – Biographies

You think biographies is the best books. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so interesting about their genres. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): encyclopaedia, teach yourself guides or novels.

Speaking – Literary genres

Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • magical realism | • fantasy |
| • mystery | • horror |
| • historical fiction | • fairy tales |
| • humour | • science fiction |

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.