



Thinking Guide Activities – Biography

Title of the Selection: *My Name is Gabito* by Monica Brown
Illustrated by Raúl Colón
Teaching Band Grades 1 - 5
Genre: Mixed – Biography, Literary Nonfiction

The Biography Thinking Guide is provided. The Biography Thinking Guide identifies the topic, central idea of the selection, and the main ideas clustered in the biography outline. In addition, the main ideas are clustered by color code to develop a meaningful summary.

- ★ My Name is Gabito Biography Thinking Guide
- ★ Color-Coded Thinking Guide and Summary

The Biography Thinking Guide is used to develop other fun and interactive activities. Fisher Reyna Education offers the following activities for this selection as well as test items:

- ★ Biography Outline Cards
- ★ Matching Biography Outline Card Activity
- ★ Thinking Guide Cloze 1st Letter Activity and Word Bank



Biography Thinking Guide

Title of the Selection **My Name is Gabito, The Life of Gabriel Garcia Marquez**
by Monica Brown Illustrated by Raul Colon

Topic of Selection	Name or phrase to describe the noteworthy person, animal, or thing Gabito, Gabriel Garcia Marquez
Central Idea (Main Idea of Selection)	Greatest accomplishment or significance A great storyteller and writer
Main Idea of Each Paragraph Biography Outline A. Introduction to the person B. Early years and childhood C. Education and development D. Important life events E. Greatest accomplishment F. Influence – How we remember him	Use biography outline to predict the main idea of each paragraph. Introduction to Gabito, born with one of the biggest imaginations. Born in Aracataca, Columbia. He grew up in a house with family, a ghost and talking parrot with wild stories. His grandfather, who had a giant dictionary, was his favorite person. He would walk past the banana plantations with his grandfather and see how hard and how poor the workers were. The more he saw, the more stories he told. He grew up to write the most exciting magical stories in the world and is known today as Gabriel Garcia Marquez, the great storyteller. People on all seven continents read and love his stories- they discover just how magical, big, and great the world can be.

Color-Coded Biography Thinking Guide

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Main Idea of Each Paragraph Biography Outline	Use biography outline to predict the main idea of each paragraph.
A. Introduction to the person	Introduction to Gabito, born with one of the biggest imaginations.
B. Early years and childhood	Born in Aracataca, Columbia. He grew up in a house with family, a ghost and talking parrot with wild stories.
C. Education and development	His grandfather, who had a giant dictionary, was his favorite person.
D. Important life events	He would walk past the banana plantations with his grandfather and see how hard and how poor the workers were. The more he saw, the more stories he told.
E. Greatest accomplishment	He grew up to write the most exciting magical stories in the world and is known today as Gabriel Garcia Marquez, the great storyteller.
F. Influence – How we remember him	People on all seven continents read and love his stories- they discover just how magical, big, and great the world can be.

Gabito was born with a big imagination in Aracataca, Columbia. During his early, he grew up in a house with his family, a ghost, and a talking parrot who told wild stories too. His grandfather was his favorite person. He had a dictionary and would show Gabito many things. They would often walk by the banana plantations and see how hard the men worked and how poor they were. He thought this was unfair. He grew up and is know today as Gabriel Garcia Marquez. People all over the world love his stories and discover a great big magical world though his books.

Topic and central idea

Introduction to...

Important life events

Early years and childhood

Greatest accomplishment

Education and development

Influence
How we remember him

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Greatest accomplishment

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Education and development

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Influence

How we remember him

People on all seven continents read and love his stories- they discover just how magical, big, and great the world can be.

<p>A. Introduction to the person</p>	<p>Introduction to G_____, born with one of the biggest i_____.</p>
<p>B. Early years and childhood</p>	<p>Born in Aracataca, C_____. He grew up in a house with family, a g_____ and talking p_____ with wild stories.</p>
<p>C. Education and development</p>	<p>His grandfather, who had a giant d_____, was his favorite person.</p>
<p>D. Important Life Events</p>	<p>He would walk past the b_____ plantations with his grandfather and see how h_____ the men worked and how p_____ the workers were. The more he saw, the more stories he told.</p>
<p>E. Greatest accomplishment</p>	<p>He grew up to W_____ the most exciting m_____ stories in the world and is known today as G_____, the great S_____.</p>
<p>F. Influence – How we remember him</p>	<p>People on all seven continents read and love his S_____- they discover just how magical, big, and great the W_____ can be.</p>

Word Bank

The following words can be used as a follow-up activity. Cut apart the words and have use them to fill in the blanks.

Gabito	imaginations	Columbia	parrot
poor	write	storyteller	story
dictionary	banana	world	hard

Gabriel Garcia Maquez