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- A. biography
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- D. He was an author from Colombia who wrote in Spanish.

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- C. Magical realism is a genre of fiction writing in which realistic stories are combined with fantasy.
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6. Read these sentences from the text.

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7. Choose the answer that best completes the sentence.

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Answers may vary but should be supported by the text. Students should note that García Márquez's stories may be thought of as magical realism because they combined realistic stories, or stories that could seem real, with fantastic elements. For instance, he pulled from Latin American history and his childhood to create settings and characters. But he also put magical things into his books, like yellow flowers falling from the sky and a plague of insomnia.