Magic Realism in Latin American Literature

Google Earth Lit Trip

Like many of the Latin American writers of magic realism, YOU will now write a story using the world as inspiration. Utilizing magic realism, your story will be filled with symbolism, metaphor, imagery, and allegory. You will publish the story on Google Earth and you will share it during our “Magically Real Night Out.”

Use the checklist below to help you with the process...Read and follow directions and also do your own research to help with the assignment.

* - Explore places around the globe using the internet

-Collect photos of these places.

-Gather at least 10 pictures and save them to your google account.

-Get inspiration from these places…How are these places magical?

What’s real in them?

-Begin imagining your story...Remember that it’s a story of magical

realism.

* - Upload the photos to your Google account.

-Sign in to Google, go to “Photos”, and begin uploading. Your pictures must be on the internet so this step is essential.

* - Complete the story map for your magic realist story.

-Utilize the pictures you took as inspiration...They will eventually be used to tell your story.

-Be sure that your story has characters, a plot, and theme.

-There should also be symbolism, metaphor, allegory, and imagery.

* - Produce a story board for your story.

-Use the template for correct format.

-You will use this to copy and paste into Google Earth.

-We will have a rough AND final draft of this!

* - Create your Google Earth Lit Trip of your magic realist story.

-Utilize the “How To” worksheet to assist you.

* - Present your Google Earth Lit Trip.

-We will share these at a “family night”...TBD.

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STORY BOARD TEMPLATE

Title of Location Placemark:

* + 1. Put the locations in sequential order of the story...Number them by putting the number inside parentheses.

Example:

“(1) I was drinking coffee on a sunny morning when...”

Address of Location:

* + 1. Actual address closest to where the photo was taken.

Description:

* + 1. This is where you will write your story...Keep in mind you are using the picture as inspiration for this section of the story...Sort of like a comic strip.
    2. We will complete a rough draft and final draft...Grammar needs to be perfect on these because we’re sharing them with the world.

Links:

* + 1. Put any links to things that you think would expand the reader’s experience as they read your story...Maybe links to music on YouTube? Or links to certain websites? Or even links to the businesses or sites in your photo?

Picture:

* + 1. You will eventually link your photo that has been uploaded to your Google account here...For now, write a brief description of the picture you will use.

Example:

“Photo of mug of coffee.”

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Title of Location Placemark:

Address of Location:

Description:

Links:

Picture:

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HOW TO

Besides following Neman’s example and doing your own research on Google and YouTube, you can use this “how to” guide to creating your Google Earth Lit Trip.

1. If you haven’t done so, download Google Earth onto your computer.
2. If you haven’t done so, create a Google and Google Earth account.
3. Copy, paste, and enter your first address from your story board into the search engine on Google Earth.
4. Zoom in or out as much as you want...
5. Click on the yellow pushpin and add a placemark.
6. For “Name”, copy and paste your “Title of Location Placemark” from your storyboard into Google Earth. BE SURE TO PUT THE # OF THE LOCATION IN PARENTHESES IN SEQUENTIAL ORDER OF YOUR STORY.
7. Click on the square next to “Name” to change the style of your pushpin...This is optional. If you choose your own image, it needs to be on the internet so be sure to copy and paste the image location URL.
8. Copy and paste your “Description” from your storyboard into the space provided on Google Earth.
9. If you’re adding links, click on the “Add Link” and copy and paste the URL. PLEASE PUT <br> BEFORE EACH LINK URL!
10. Click on “Add Image” and copy and paste your image’s URL location. You will need to sign in to your photos on Google. If you left click the image, there’s an option to “copy the image location”. Back in Google Earth, PLEASE PUT <br> BEFORE THE IMAGE URL!
11. Click “OK and repeat steps 3-10 to create your next location. Make sure your locations are all stored in your “My Places”. Try to have the same pushpin image for all of your locations.
12. When finished with all of your locations, you need to package them into a folder. Left click “My Place” and add a new folder. Give the folder a name and click “OK”. It’s optional to add an image and description.
13. Place all of your locations into this folder. BE SURE THE LOCATIONS ARE IN ORDER!
14. Left click your folder and “Save Place As” to save your Google Lit Trip. You will now have a KMZ file to share with people.
15. Adding a recorded tour of your Lit Trip is OPTIONAL but you will receive extra points!