

Name: _____ Date: _____ Magical Realism in Latin American Literature

Socratic Seminar Reflection

Socratic Seminar and Essay Prompts:

- Who or what is to blame for Santiago's murder? Is any person or social institution more to blame for Santiago's murder than others?
- The narrator states that most of the townspeople thought that the main victim of the tragedy was Bayardo San Román. Do you agree with their conclusion? Why or why not? Who is the real victim of this tragedy?

1. Which of the two Socratic Seminar prompts are you most interested in developing into a full argumentative essay?

2. What was your initial stance on this question before the discussion? Was your stance reinforced or changed during the discussion? If it changed, what did it change to?

3. If your stance was reinforced, what's a new reason and/or piece of evidence from the discussion that you might use in your essay?

4. If your stance changed, what reason and/or piece of evidence from the discussion influenced your thinking that you might incorporate in your essay?

5. During the discussion, what opposing arguments did your classmates make about your selected prompt for this essay assignment? Write at least two.
6. What paraphrased evidence and reasoning did your classmates use to support these opposing arguments?