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## Encanto Alternate Writing Assignment



The accordion was introduced by Germans in the coastal Colombian town of Valledupar. Vallenato is a traditional Colombian genre of music that incorporates the accordion.


Arepas are made out of corn, ground maize dough. Arepas can be made sweet or savory, plain, with cheese, or stuffed. Arepas can be eaten for breakfast, lunch or dinner.


Alpargatas or espadrilles, are handmade shoes created by artisans. They are made of jute fiber sewn together.


Wayuu bags are traditional woven bags made by the Wayuu Indigenous people of Colombia. These handbags come in many different colors and patterns. It can sometimes take from 2 weeks to one month just to create one bag!


Bougainvilleas are beautiful vine shrubs that are found decorating the Casita Madrigal, as well as other houses in the town. These beauties are found throughout South America.


Buñuelos are a fried cheese dish. Crunchy on the outside and soft on the inside, buñuelos are typically consumed with hot chocolate or coffee.

In Colombia, Dia de las velitas, "day of the little candles" in English is a special holiday celebrated on december 7th. Families gather to light colorful candles in shopping places, workplaces, and homes. It marks the beginning of the Christmas season in Colombia.


Colombia produces high quality coffee. Colombia has a tropical climate with lots of rainfall, perfect for growing coffee. Coffee is often consumed with every meal in colombia.


The architecture of the colonial houses as seen in the Madrigal "casita," has its roots in Spain. These houses typically have wooden balconies and doors, along with tile roofs.


The characters in Encanto can be found frequently dancing. Different dances can be found throughout the movie like Cumbia and Salsa. Music and dance is very important in Colombian culture.


Emeralds are green gemstones that are mined for jewelry. Colombia is the world's biggest producer of quality emeralds for the global market.


The characters in Encanto reflect the diverse Colombian population. Colombians are made up of Indigenous, African, European, and mixed ancestry.


In Colombia, it is typical for family gatherings to include immediate and extended family members- grandparents, cousins, aunts, uncles, second cousins, etc. The Madrigal family includes many members.


Sancocho is a savory soup that contains meat, vegetables, and broth. Sancocho is typically consumed with rice, corn and avocado.


Every year in august, the city of medellin celebrates the feria de las flores, "Flower Festival." Silleteros are flower vendors. Every year, they create an
artwork completely made out of flowers, and transport it on their backs through the streets.


The sombrero aguadeño is a symbol of the paisa region of Colombia- the states called Antioquia, Risaralda, Quindio and Caldas. This region is also known as the coffee region. The hats are handmade.


This hat has become a national symbol of Colombia. The sombrero vueltiao is a hand woven hat made out of cane. It originates from the indigenous tribe called Zenú, located in the coastal areas of Colombia.


Roof tiles are called zócalos, they can be found in the casita, along with different houses in the village. The tiles are usually rust or brown in color and reflect elements of the colonial houses.


Colombian clothing is colorful. Traditional clothing for women includes a long skirt, and an off the shoulder ruffled blouse. Traditional clothing for men is usually a guayabera shirt. Both men and women wear ruanas or ponchos in order to keep warm.


The yellow butterflies are heavily mentioned in Gabriel Garcia Marquez's 100 years of solitude. The butterflies symbolize love and hope. Garcia Marquez won the nobel prize in literature in 1982.

