



Love in the Time of Cholera

by Gabriel García Márquez

- 1.** Why does García Márquez use similar terms to describe the effects of love and cholera?
- 2.** After rejecting Florentino's declaration of love following her husband's funeral, why is Fermina eventually won over by him?
- 3.** Why does a change in Florentino's writing style make Fermina more receptive to him?
- 4.** What does Florentino mean when he tells Fermina, before they make love for the first time, "I've remained a virgin for you" (p. 339)?
- 5.** Why does Florentino tell each of his lovers that she is the only one he has had?
- 6.** What does Florentino's uncle mean when he says, "without river navigation there is no love" (p. 168)?
- 7.** Do Fermina and Dr. Urbino succeed at "inventing true love" (p. 159)?
- 8.** Does Dr. Urbino die a happy man?
- 9.** Why does García Márquez begin the novel with the suicide of Jeremiah de Saint-Amour?
- 10.** Why is Leona Cassiani "the true woman in [Florentino's] life although neither of them ever knew it and they never made love" (p. 182)?
- 11.** When Tránsito Ariza tells Florentino he looks as if he were going to a funeral when he is going to visit Fermina, why does he respond by saying, "It's almost the same thing" (p. 65)?

For Further Reflection

- 12.** 1. Is love rational?
- 13.** 2. Does age enhance or detract from the experience of love?