***Chronicle of a Death Foretold* by Gabriel Garcia Marquez**

**Chp 3: Vocabulary & Questions**

**Note:** Assignment is due Friday, 2/1. Vocab/Spelling quiz is Friday as well.

***I. Vocabulary***

*Directions: Define each word.*

Absolved (50)

Predisposed (52)

Rudimentary (59)

Authoritarian (59)

Resolute (63)

Pretext (66)

***II. Questions***

1. Why do the twin brothers who killed Nasar feel that they are innocent?

2. How would you describe most people’s reactions to the news that the twins were planning to kill Nasar? (See pages 52-55).

3. What clues does the author provide to demonstrate how underwhelmed the Colonel was by the news about the twins’ plans? (See pages 55-56)

4. On page 57, Ms. Armenta suggests that the twins are bound by “duty” to kill Nasar.  Do you think men in families are still bound by duty to protect the honor of women in their families?  How might this look today?

5. Do you think the colonel should have done more than just take away the twins’ knives?  How does he justify what he did?

6. How do the brothers react differently to the Colonel taking away their knives? Why would Pedro be more interested in completing their task than Pablo? (see pages 60-61).

7. What does Prodencia Cortes’ reaction to the knowledge of the twins’ plans (and her later marriage to Pablo) reveal about the community?  (pages 62-63)

8. What is hypocritical about the description on page 64, considering how excited the community is about the arrival of the bishop?

9. On page 67, another example of the author’s use of contrast can be found.  Quote it below.