This novel is obsessed with the color yellow! Yellow is everywhere! In Macondo (which means banana), we have seen it rain yellow flowers at Jose Aureliano’s death, Col. Aureliano has his golden fishes, and, later in the novel, we see that Meme’s beau is always accompanied by a flock of yellow butterflies. Even the trains into Macondo are yellow. Consider what if the color yellow signifies disease. What are the implications of such an interpretation?