

THE WEEK OF MODERN LANGUAGES

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DYSTOPIA



Illusion of a perfect society

Think of a world where having fun isn't allowed.

Dysfunctional society

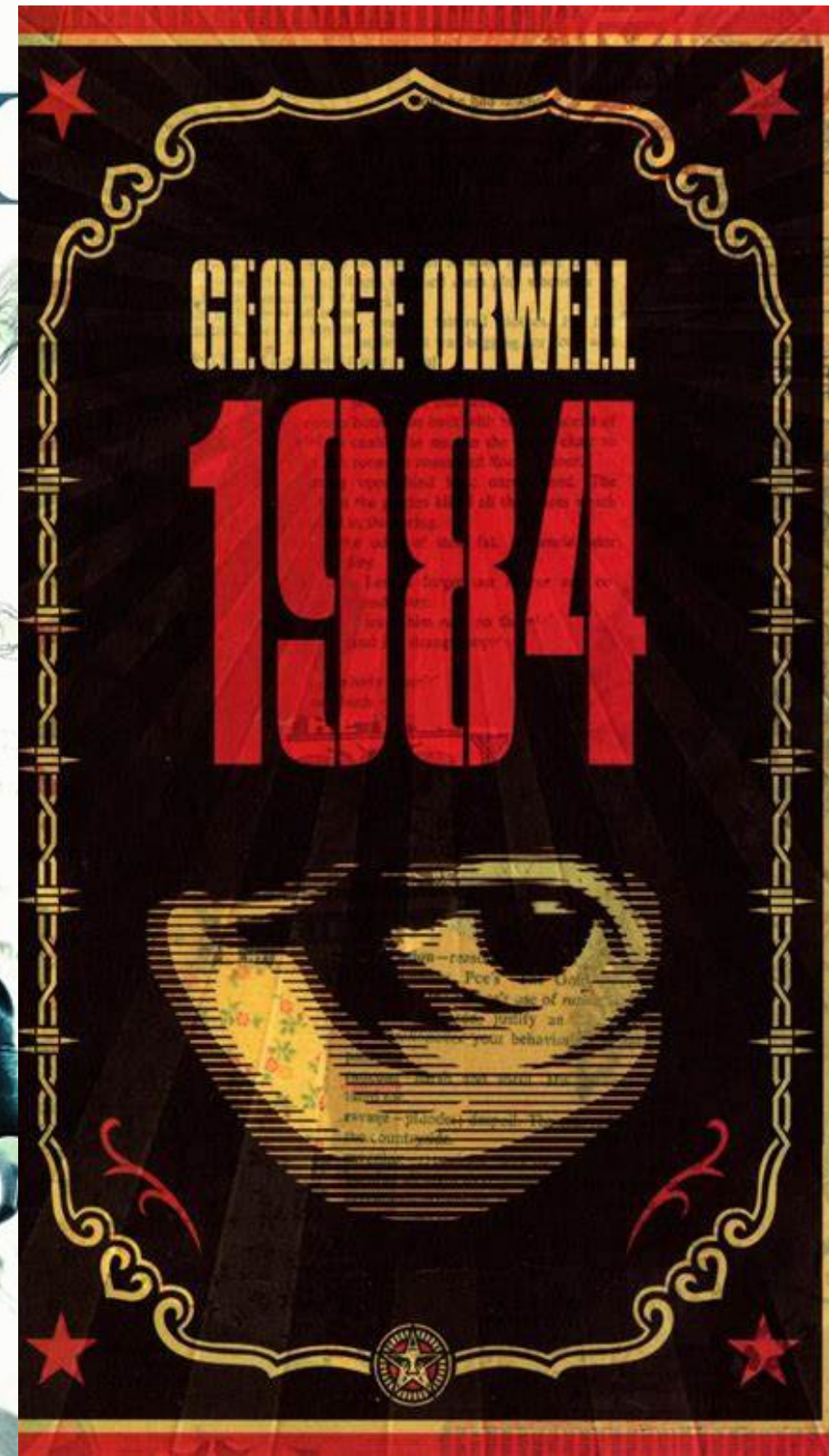
Any action or behavior that has negative consequences for a group or society

Suffering and injustice

Control

Controlling behavior can include everything from directly telling someone what they can or cannot do to more discreet methods

Do you recognise these dystopias ?



THE HANDMAID'S TALE

By Margarette Atwood



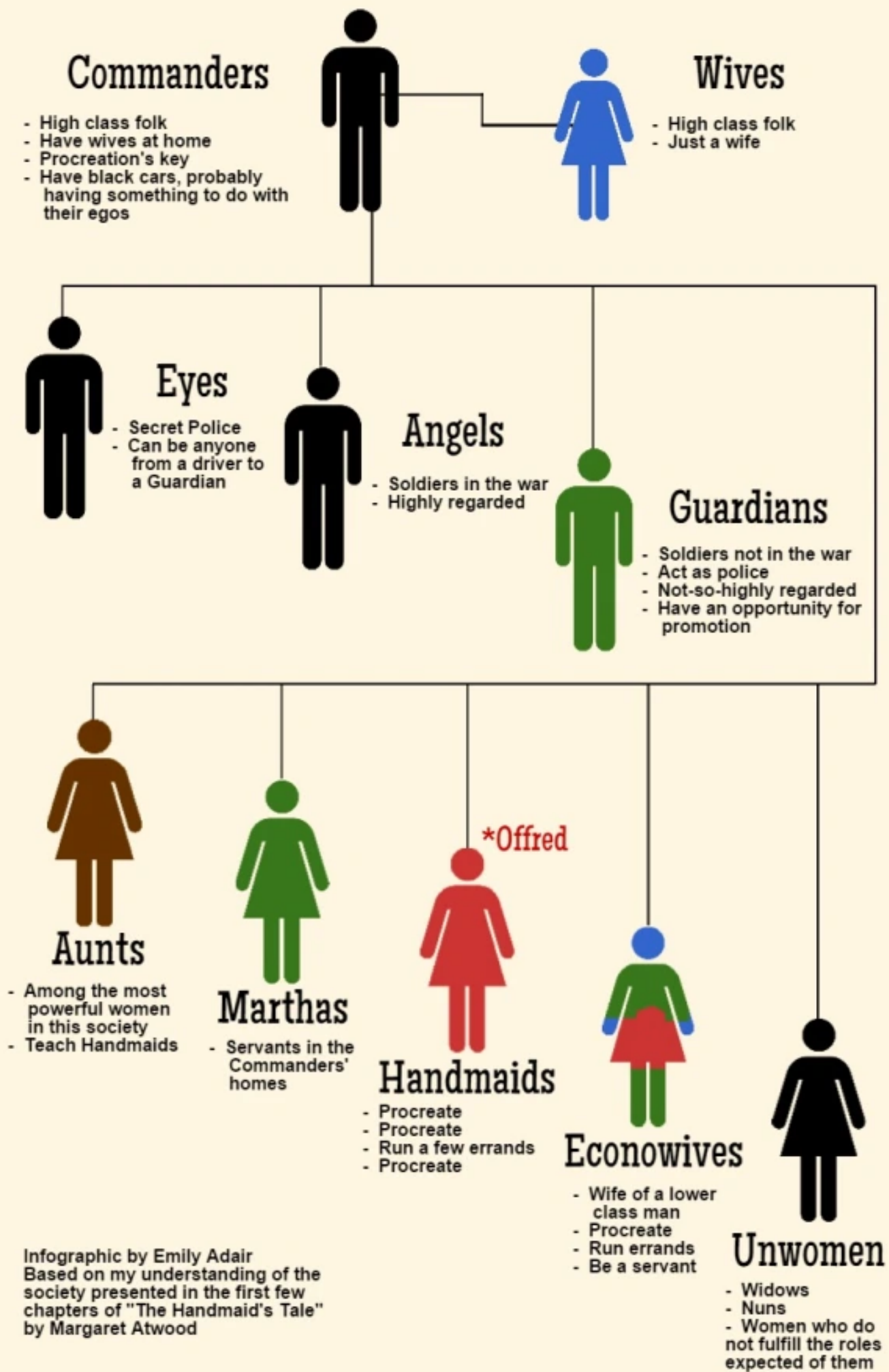
THE REPUBLIC OF GILEAD

Dystopian novel that takes place
in the **Republic of Gilead**



Gilead is builded on a coup d etat those who organized it are puritains who are a christian group of people . This society promotes rich people such as serena who is a cammanders wife but before Gilead she had notoriety thanks to tv The Republic of Gilead is run by Christians who believed America was corrupted by sin consequently Gilead is a conservative religous group.

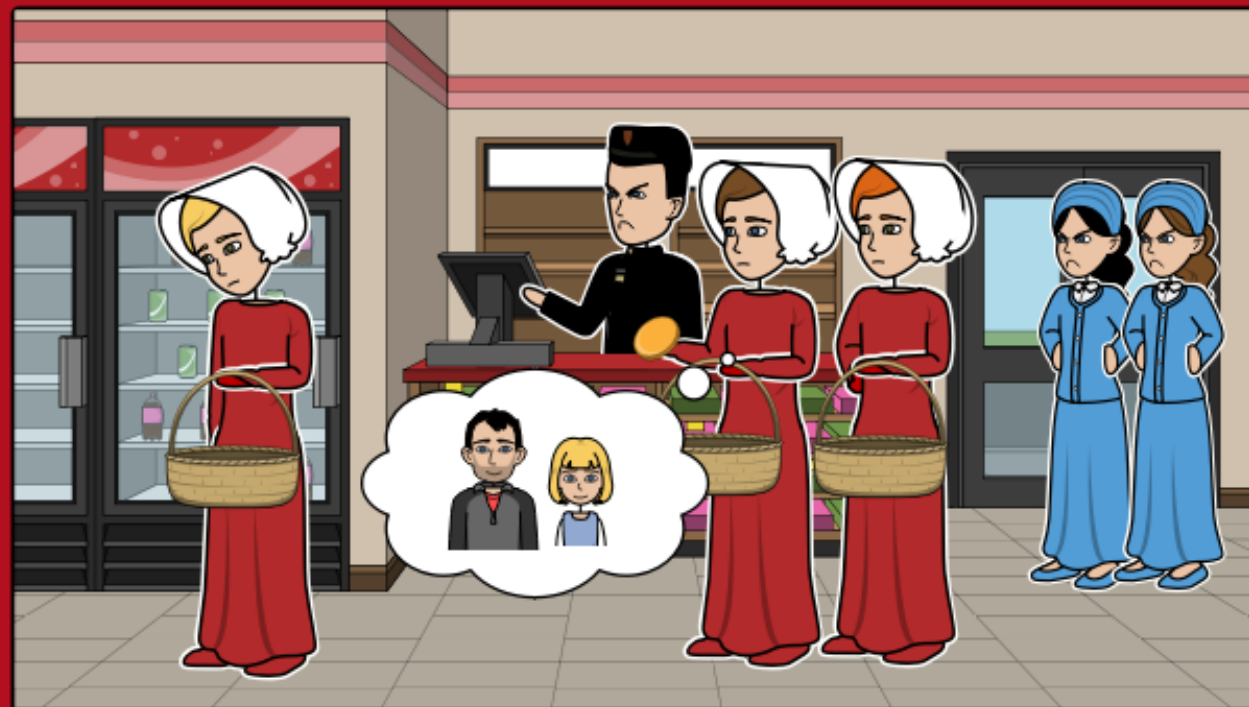
The Handmaid's Tale



CHARACTERS



EXPOSITION



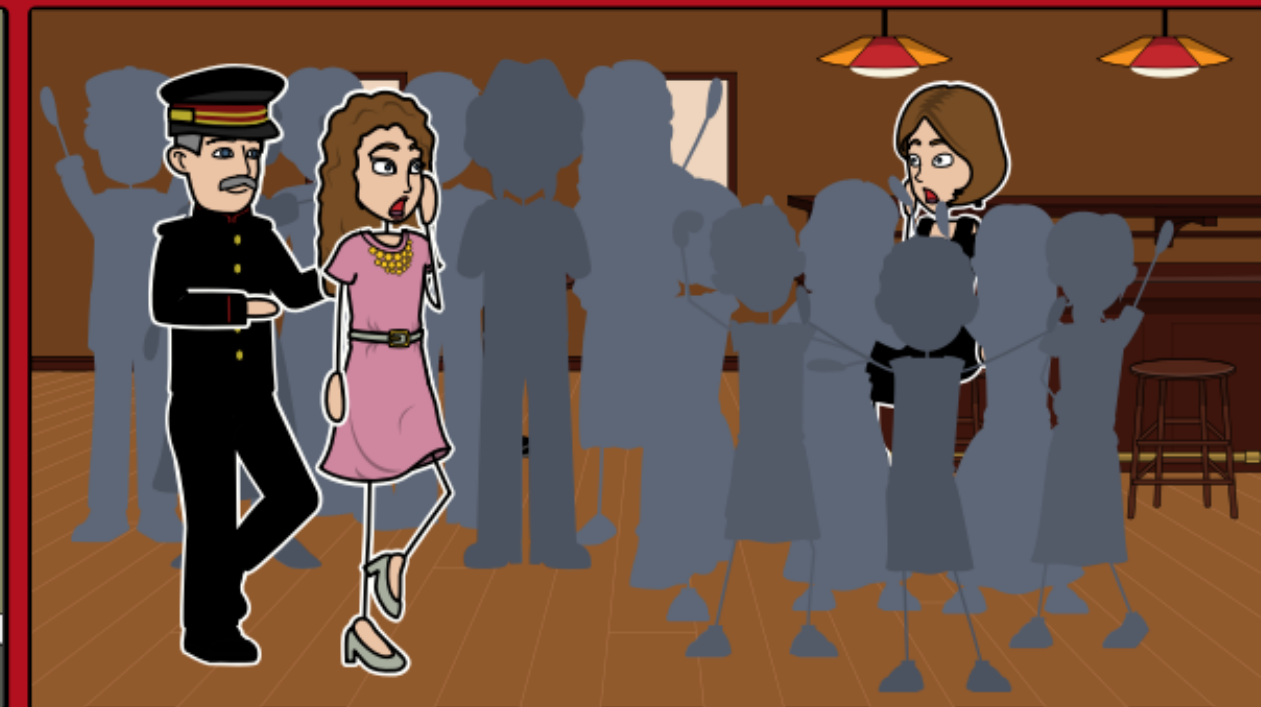
In the Republic of Gilead, Offred, a young Handmaid, has just started her newest post at the Commander's house. As a Handmaid, it is her duty to bear the Commander and his Wife a child. Offred is unhappy, remembering tidbits of her life before this one, with her husband Luke and their daughter. The Handmaids are forced into this life.

CONFLICT



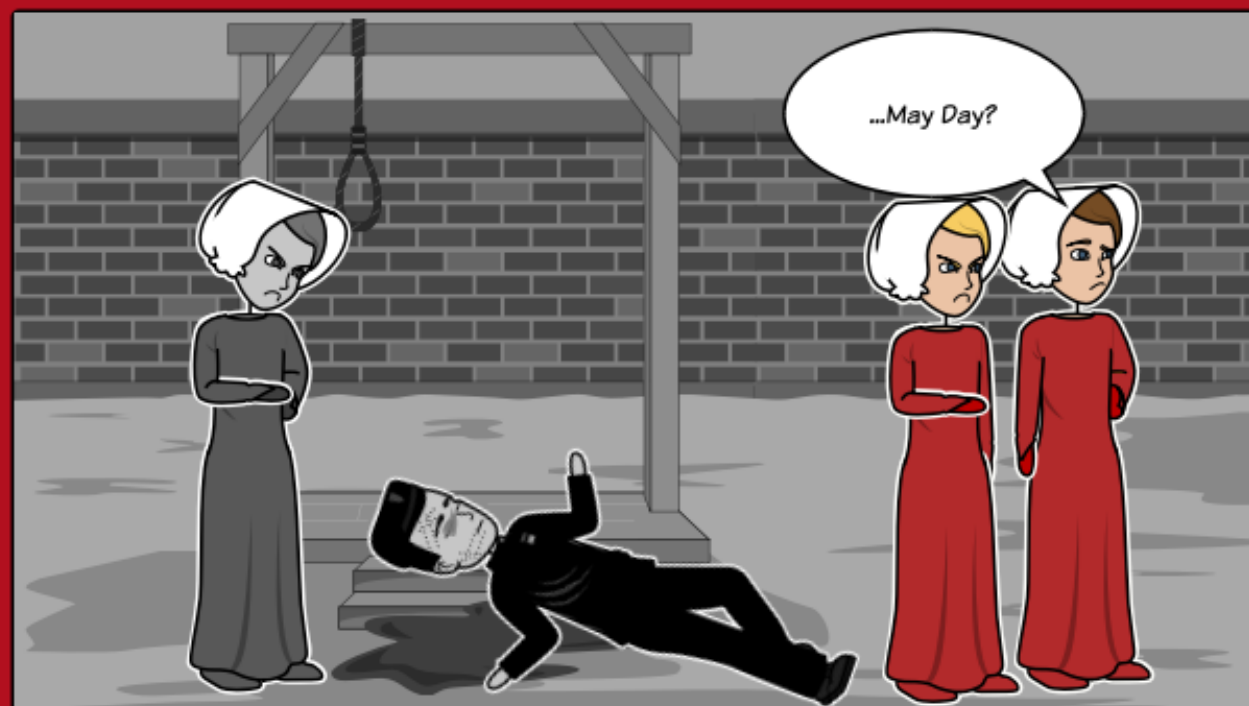
Offred's primary conflict throughout the novel is that she has a 2-year time period in which to bear the Commander a child. However, the Commander also wishes to get to know Offred better, and begins inviting her to his study late at night without his wife, Serena Joy. Offred and the Commander's Guardian, Nick, have begun to notice each other as well.

RIISING ACTION



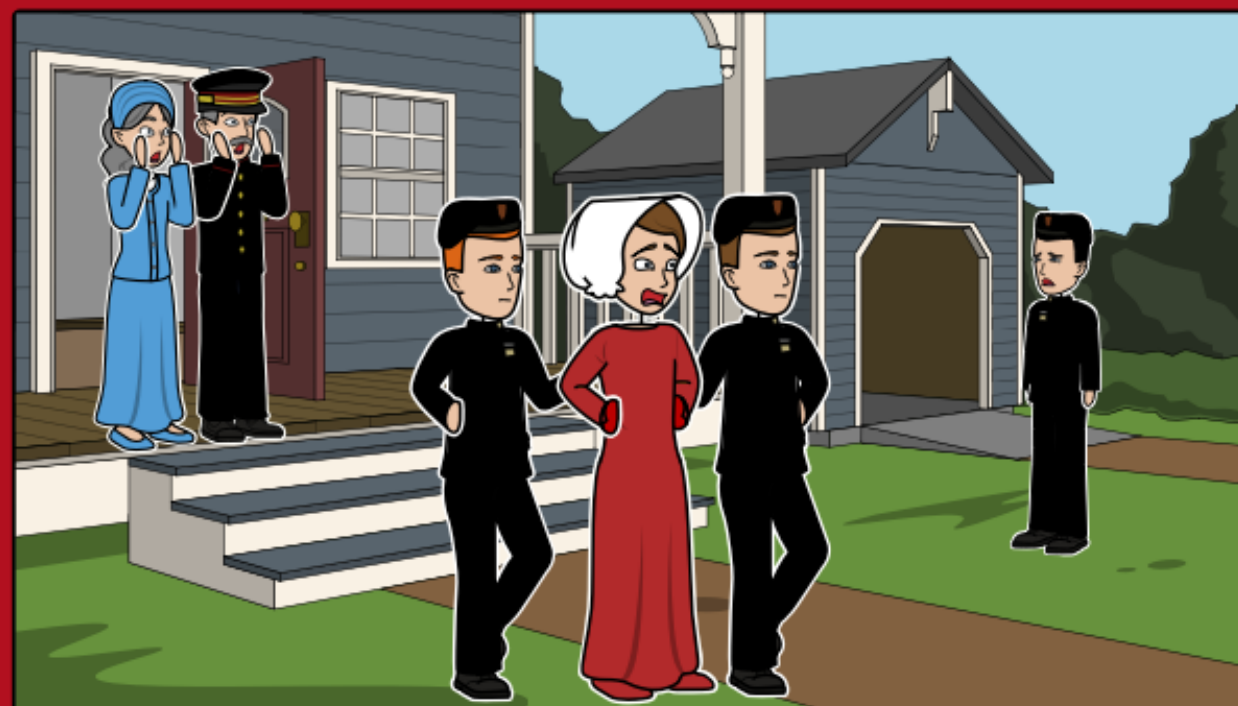
Offred's daily shopping partner, Ofglen, begins to reveal that she may be a part of an underground resistance movement called Mayday. The Commander plays Scrabble with Offred and begins to bring her gifts. Eventually, he brings her to a club where men and hired women mingle. Serena Joy desperately wants a child and knows her husband is probably infertile; she develops a scheme for Offred to sleep with Nick.

CLIMAX



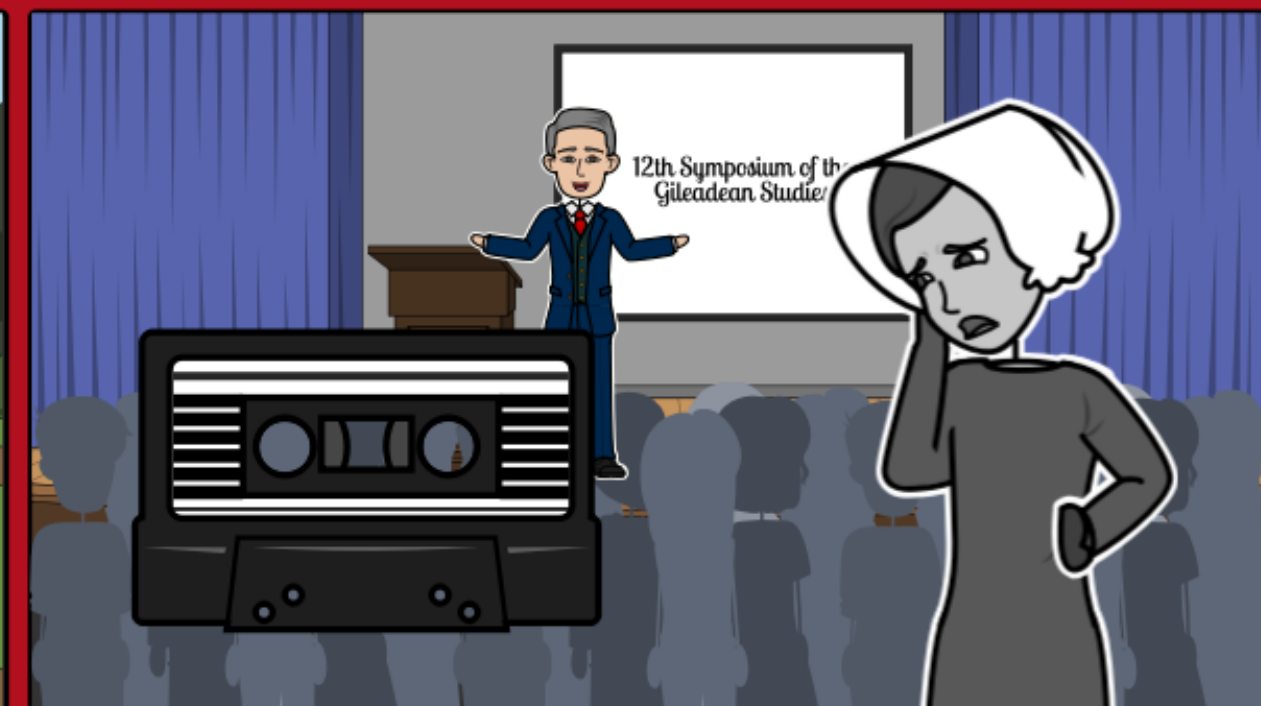
After a Women's Salvaging, or public hanging, and a Particution (where the Handmaids beat a man to death as punishment for the crime of rape), Ofglen reveals that the man was actually a political operative. Later, Ofglen has been replaced by another Handmaid-- now "Ofglen."

FALLING ACTION



Serena Joy finds out about Offred's outing to the club, and confronts both Offred and the Commander. Soon afterwards, an Eye van arrives to take Offred away. Nick comes up to tell her that they are really Mayday operatives and to trust him, so Offred does. As she is taken from the home, the Commander believes that she will betray him.

RESOLUTION



The final part of the novel is called "Historical Notes", and is purportedly a transcript from a symposium looking at the Gileadean era from the year 2195. The speaker gives the history of "The Handmaid's Tale" transcript, and their attempts to establish its origins and the identity of the Handmaid. The tale was told on a series of cassette tapes, and it was recovered in Bangor, Maine.

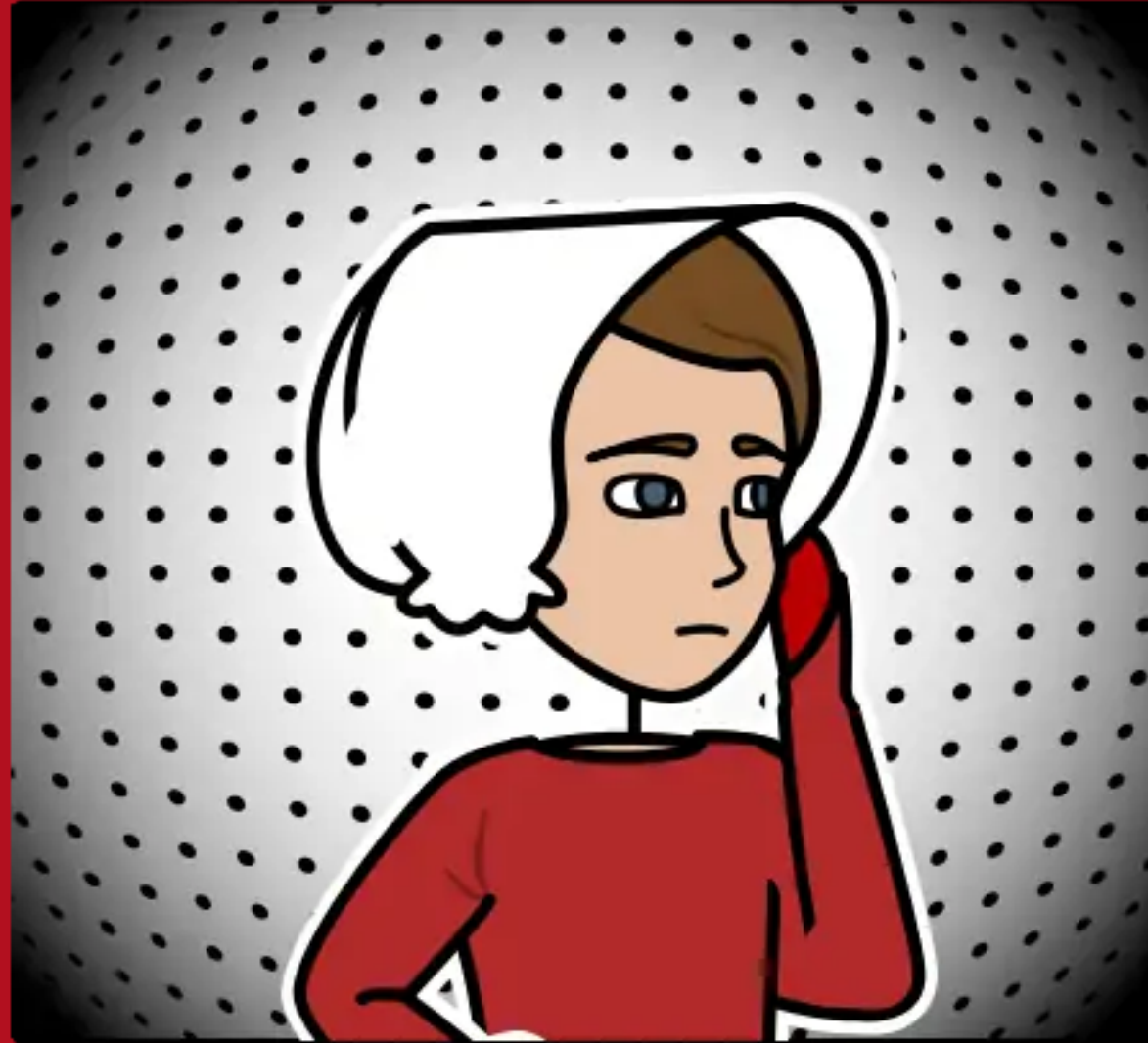
Further symbols and explanation :

THE EYE



The Eye is the symbol of the Republic of Gilead's government. The black vans of secret agents that would pick people up for interrogations and torture bore this symbol in white. The Eyes were also a code name for spies who infiltrated different areas of society to turn people in to the government.

THE WINGS



The wings are what Offred and her fellow Handmaids call the bonnet that goes up and around their faces. Sometimes, Offred expresses her frustration at the wings blocking her view of the world; however, at other times it offers opportunities to hide her feelings or thoughts in a veil of safety.

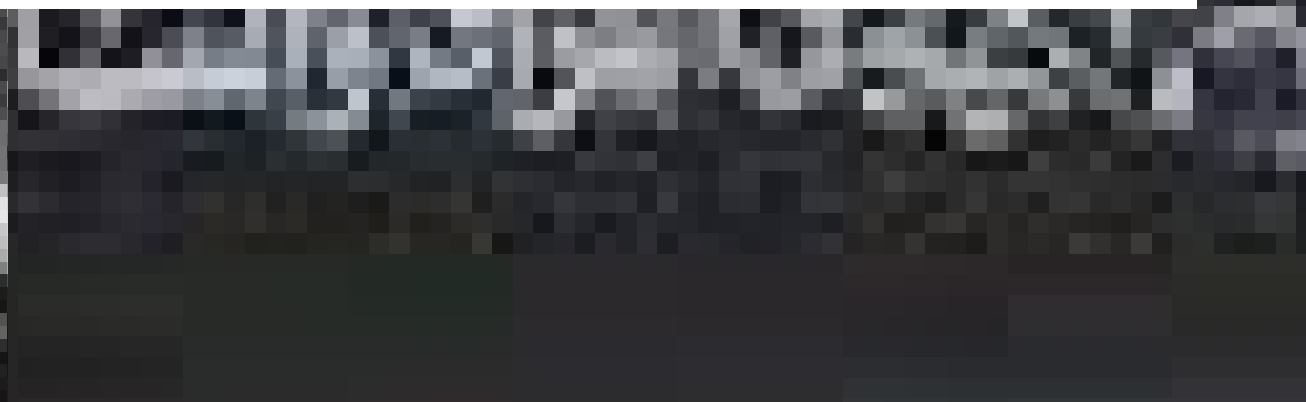
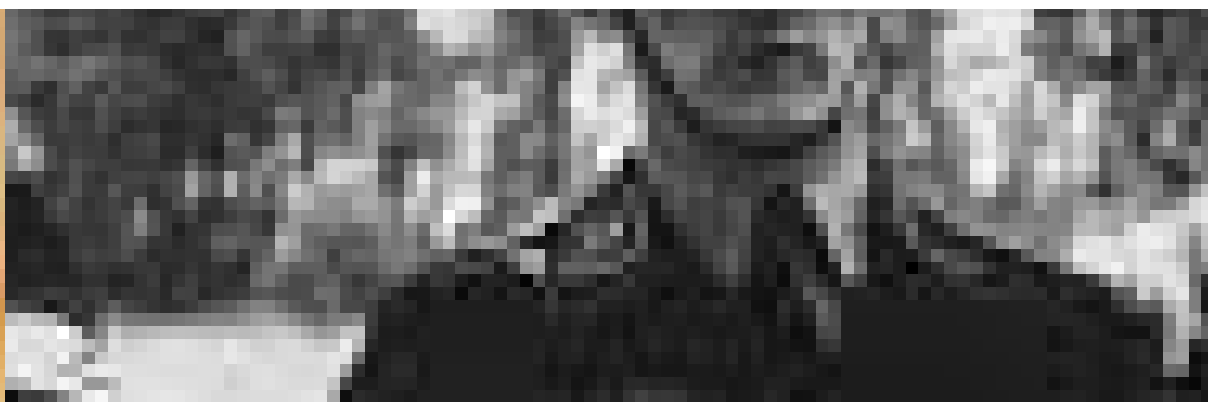
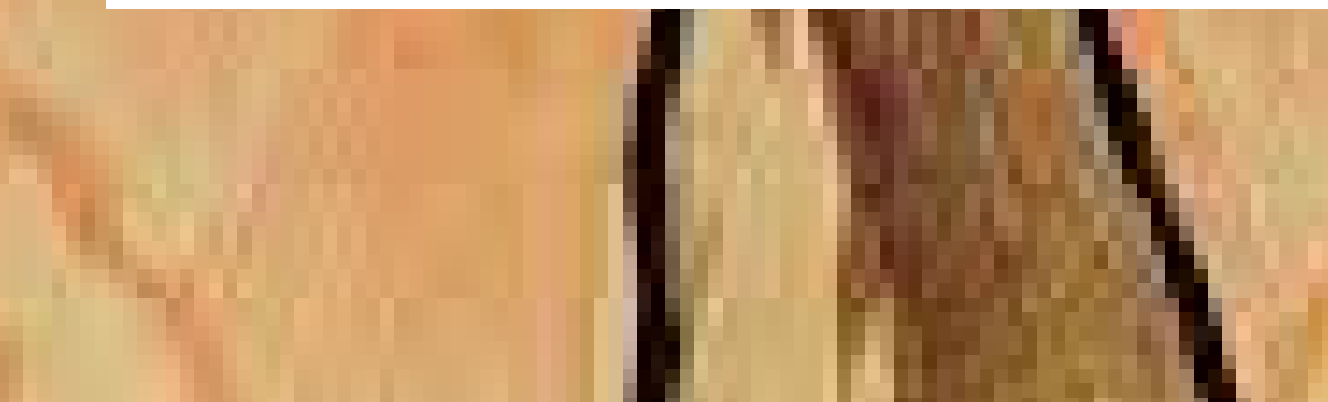
THE CEREMONY



The Gileadean society revolves around the Ceremony. Each month, after reading Scriptures that justify this proceeding from the Bible, the Handmaid would lie in the lap of the Wife while the Commander would have intercourse with the Handmaid. After, the entire household would wait to see if the Handmaid became pregnant.



Margaret Atwood thinks that we should not judges Gilead too quickly beacause in History it has been proven that horrible things are done under an ideology that had nothing to do with it



ANY QUESTIONS ?

QUIZZ

What's the purpose of the colour scheme?

Who wears the colour red in the novel ?

What is a dystopia ?

What's the name of the secret police ?

Who wrote this novel ?



**Thank you for
your attention !**

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