**Close Reading Organizer - Chapter 14**

**Directions:** Read each summary entry and think about which themes listed in the Themes Key apply to it, then color in those themes in the Theme Tracker. Next, write a few sentences of Analysis to explain how the themes you chose apply to each summary section.

**Themes Key**

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| 1 | Gender Roles |
| 2 | Religion and Theocracy |
| 3 | Fertility |
| 4 | Rebellion |
| 5 | Love |
| 6 | Storytelling and Memory |

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| **Summary** | **Theme Tracker** | | | | | | **Your Analysis** |
| **Offred** goes downstairs, passing the eye-like mirror. She kneels in the sitting room. The room is luxuriously decorated in **Serena Joy**’s mixed style of quality and sentimentality. Serena Joy’s perfume, Lily of the Valley, smells like innocent girlishness, which makes Offred sick. Offred wishes she could steal something, to have a bit of power. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |  |
| **Cora**, **Rita** and **Nick** enter. Nick touches his foot to **Offred**’s. Nick touches again and Offred moves again, unsure of his intentions. **Serena Joy** arrives in a flower-trimmed dress, but Offred thinks that Serena Joy should accept that she’s “withered” instead of bedecking herself with plants’ reproductive organs. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |  |
| The **Commander** is late, so **Serena Joy** turns on the TV news, which shows the Angels attacking the Baptists in the Appalachians. **Offred** isn’t sure if the TV shows reality or if everyone’s an actor. The TV then shows thousands of “Children of Ham” being transported to some kind of camp in North Dakota. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |  |
| **Offred** retreats into a memory, when she still had her old name. She imagines getting into a car with her **daughter** and **Luke**, pretending to be going to a picnic, but secretly planning to escape to Canada, with fake passports all prepared. Luke sings confidently, but Offred is petrified. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |  |