**Close Reading Organizer - Chapter 17**

**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** returns to her bedroom and finds her pat of butter half-melted in her shoe. She rubs the butter into her face as moisturizer, since she isn’t permitted any makeup of lotion, for the sake of the Wives. Offred learned about the butter at the Rachel and Leah Center, which she explains was also called the Red Center. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |  |
| **Offred** lies in bed, imagining the plastered eye in her ceiling staring at her. She looks at the moon and profoundly misses **Luke**, and decides to steal something. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |  |
| **Offred** carefully walks downstairs and resolves to steal a daffodil. She hears **Nick**’s footsteps. They’re both breaking the rules. They touch each other. Offred longs to do more, thinking of Nick as **Luke** in another body, but she’s afraid. Nick says he was coming to tell Offred to go see the **Commander** tomorrow. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |  |