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## Close Reading Organizer - Chapter 16

**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

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

Summary	Theme Tracker						Your Analysis
<p><b>Offred</b> lies on her back on <b>Serena Joy's</b> canopy bed, clothed except for her underpants. The bed's draperies look like ship's sails, pregnant with air. Offred lies between Serena Joy's (clothed) legs, and they hold hands. The <b>Commander</b> has sex with Offred's lower body, in an impersonal, disjointed style, which Offred doesn't call rape because she chose to be a Handmaid. The atmosphere is serious, as arousal, love, and kissing are unnecessary. Offred remembers her previous Commander, who smelled worse.</p>	1	2	3	4	5	6	
<p>After coming, the <b>Commander</b> leaves quickly and politely, which <b>Offred</b> finds somehow funny. <b>Serena Joy</b> makes Offred leave immediately, although</p>	1	2	3	4	5	6	

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she's supposed to lie down for ten minutes to increase the chances of conception.

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