

Jigsaw on the “Night” Sections

Groups:

1. Night, pg 1
2. Night, pg. 35
3. Nap, pg. 67
4. Night, pg. 101
5. Night, pg 141

Please break into groups of 5, each focusing on a different section. In your group, answer the following questions:

1. When does your chapter occur?
2. How does Offred feel at this point? What is she thinking about?
3. How are her thoughts different/similar to her thoughts in the surrounding chapters?
4. What does this chapter show us about the narrator?
5. Why does Atwood include this chapter?

Reconfigure into five groups so that every chapter is represented. Discuss everyone's findings and answer the following questions:

1. How do the Night/Nap chapters function in *The Handmaid's Tale*?
2. Why does the narrator choose to include them?
3. Why does Atwood choose to include them?