**Key Quotes Analysis - Historical Notes on the Handmaid’s Tale**

**Directions:** Read each quote below and identify its speaker and the character(s) who relate to it. Then, circle the theme(s) listed in the Themes Key that apply to each quote. Some quotes may lack a direct speaker (such as if the quote is an unnamed narrator) or have no related characters. In those cases it is fine to leave the “Speaker” or “Related character(s)” fields blank.

**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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| We must be cautious about passing moral judgment upon the Gileadean. Surely we have learned by now that such judgments are of necessity culture-specific…our job is not to censure but to understand.” | Speakers: |
| Related character(s): |
| Related Themes:   |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | |

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| Are there any questions? | Speakers: |
| Related character(s): |
| Related Themes:   |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | |