

The Handmaid's Tale

One Pager Project

A one pager is a collage of illustrations and written analyses on one page that make up an aesthetically pleasing and detailed interpretation of a subject or piece of literature.

Directions:

Share your unique understanding of the text on one page by imaginatively blending your written ideas with colorful images from the story. You should spend at least 30 minutes reading and or brainstorming ideas before you begin decorating your page. It's recommended you begin with pencil first for your design so it's easy to make changes before finalizing your work in ink or color. Use a standard size piece of blank paper (8.5 x 11) or a template may be provided for you. Your page can be horizontal or vertical.

Below is a list of what should be included on your page:

- Include the title of the book and the author's name
- Explain a theme from the novel and support your response with a specific example
- Analyze a symbol from the novel
- Describe one character from the novel
- Select a term from the text's dystopian setting and explain its meaning (for example: martha or unwoman)
- In 1-3 sentences, include a brief summary of the book
- Choose **three** or more of the following literary elements to incorporate as it applies to the book specifically: *genre, setting, conflict, point of view, climax, resolution, suspense, foreshadowing, mood, tone, irony, motif, or any example of figurative language*
- Draw a minimum of **four** illustrations that are directly related to the novel in some way
- You must fill your entire page
- Your page must be coloreds

Grading Rubric

Overall Appearance	Your page is detailed and neat. Images are clear and text is easy to read. The overall appearance is creative and aesthetically pleasing.	10 Points
Information	Your explanations and references are accurate. You include all the required components from the directions.	10 Points
Analysis	You demonstrate you understand the literature through your examples and commentaries. The literary elements you choose are insightful and depict important ideas from the story.	10 Points
Writing Conventions	You use proper grammar, punctuation, spelling, and usage. Effective word choice demonstrates a strong understanding of context and purpose.	10 Points
Graphics	You choose illustrations that highlight meaningful parts of the story. The graphic elements are neat, colored, and incorporated seamlessly into the work.	10 Points

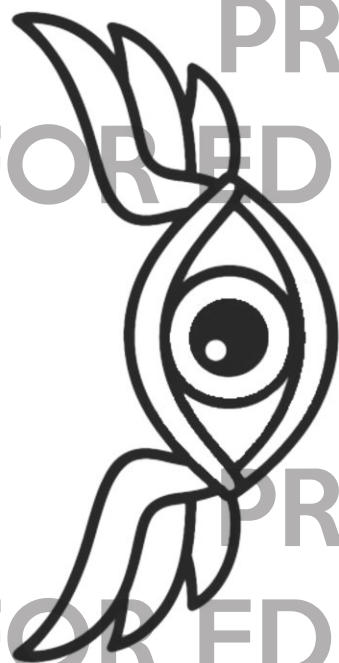
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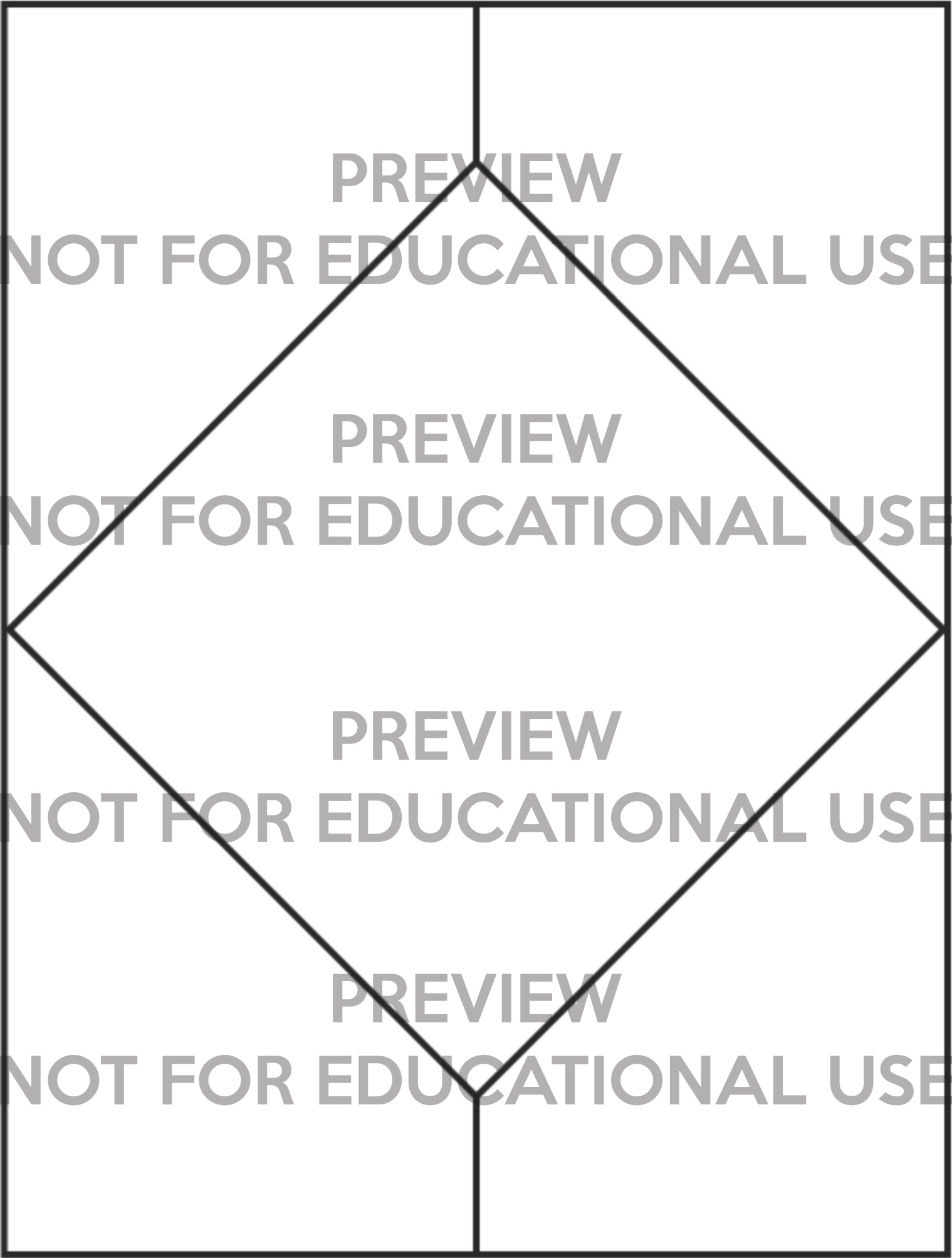
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Theme: People choose ignorance to avoid facing their own complicity. This is seen in Gilead and as Offred recalls a documentary about the Holocaust.

In a theocratic totalitarian society, women are stripped of their rights. The story (told by Offred) examines how women survive, but

Irony: The novel includes many scenes of executions and oppression at what was formerly Harvard University. Once a symbol of knowledge it now represents a denial of it. In this society, women are forbidden to read.

The "eye" is a symbol of God and surveillance. God is always watching, just as Gilead's secret police are always watching too.

Nick is a guardian who works as the Commander's chauffeur.

Offred has a secret relationship with him. He is an ambiguous savior.

also how she and others secretly resist.

A handmaid is a fertile woman assigned to a Commander for the sole purpose of bearing his children.

under his eye

Margaret Atwood's The

Handmaid's Tale

The tone is mostly dark and mournful. There is a lot of death and oppression.

Offred grieves for her old life, husband, and child.

METAPHOR:

"I'm a cloud, congealed around a central object, the shape of a pear, which is hard and more real than I am and glows red within its translucent wrapping."



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