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Close Reading Organizer - Chapter 21

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
Back at Janine's birth room, there's a stuffy, bloody, animalistic smell. The Handmaids chant breathing instructions. They pass cups of grape juice to each other and manage to whisper to each other as they do so. Offred asks the Handmaid next to her if she knows Moirra , but she doesn't. Offred, too, feels pain like she's about to give birth, as Aunt Elizabeth taught the Handmaids to do.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Janine walks around distractedly, and poops in a portable toilet in the middle of the room. Offred knows this is her second baby. Their juice had alcohol in it, which the Wives will pretend not to notice. Janine starts to scream and Aunt Elizabeth prepares the two-seat birthing stool. The Wife of	1	2	3	4	5	6	

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Warren comes in and sits on the upper seat, apparently conscious of the Handmaid's hostility towards her.							
The Handmaids feel as though they are one with Janine as the baby comes out. The baby, a girl, seems to be healthy and normal, and the Handmaids smile as one. Offred remembers her and Luke's joy when she gave birth to her daughter .	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Warren's Wife lies on the bed holding the baby, and the other Wives crowd enviously around. Warren's Wife names the baby Angela. Meanwhile, the Handmaids block Janine's view of the bed, as Janine cries. After a few months of nursing she'll change households, and for her good work she won't be called an Unwoman and brought to the Colonies.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
The Birthmobile brings the Handmaids back home. Offred feels fake milk in her breasts. Offred ponders her own lack of success. She thinks of her mother , who "wanted a women's culture," which has in a way been achieved.	1	2	3	4	5	6	