

Recalling "1984" by George Orwell ↗ dystopian

Nothing in Handmaid's Tale is fiction

Take elements from ideologies
Nothing here that hasn't already happened
all she's done, is put it all together

"What do I Recognise"

Constant emphasis on surveillance

To what extent are (free subjects) subject to surveillance that we see in Gilead associated to totalitarian regimes

Anything could happen everywhere

The Handmaid's Tale is a **WARNING**

Womens rights

PURITISM

Puritans favored a presbyterian form of church organisation. Others more radical. Considered to be "hairsplitters" → slavishly following their Bible as guides to daily life. Puritans attack on the church ↑

Womens roles = Very limited
Roe vs Wade (1973)

Second wave of feminism from 1960s - 1989

Historic Leadership
roles

Birth Control

Theocracy rules Gilead

Third  feminism in the 90s
greater liberation,
social mobility,
Individualism

1600's → emigration to the US from UK as Puritans weren't allowed to openly practice their religion.

handmaid on to the lord. ↓ women = secondary

Jesus' father = Carpenter

Men had to do manual labour.

Extreme form of
Conservative Puritism.

Womens rights movements → 4 ways (advocating for their civil rights)

4th wave feminism → Sexual harassment, body image/shaming, rap culture

Serena Joy → Televangelist
evangelical programs

↳ Not allowed to vote
↳ End of 19th century, rise of female voices