

Ch. 3 – 4 The Handmaid's Tale QUESTIONS

1. What insightful observation does Offred make about the Commander's Wife sitting in her garden?

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2. For how long has Offred been at her new station? How does Offred know how Serena Joy feels about her?

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3. What information does Offred offer the reader about the place of Handmaids in general?

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4. Who is the Commander's wife? Where does Offred remember her from?

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5. Who is the Commander's Guardian? How does he, from the very beginning, demonstrate imperfect behavior with Offred?

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6. Offred's shopping companion's name is Ofglen. How do the names of the Handmaids seem to have been formed?

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7. What do you suppose is the function of the black painted vans?

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8. How does Offred demonstrate that she does still possess power, as powerless as she is?

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9. How does Atwood manage to continually layer the past upon the present?

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