*The Handmaid’s Tale* – Panel Discussion

Answer the following questions in preparation for your panel discussion. For each of the questions, make connections between the novel and the society in which we live.

1. Should the government protect its people by any means necessary, even if that means keeping the truth from them?
2. Are women valued in society?
3. Do you think that a return to traditional family values would improve society?
4. Are traditional gender roles positive for society?
5. If a woman is unable to have children naturally, she should not have children?
6. Is it better to die than to live in a society, free from basic rights, like the one depicted in the novel?
7. Is there a place in society for the sex industry?
8. What is your definition of a feminist? Do you feel that feminism is positive for society?
9. Is adultery justifiable in some circumstances?