

# GALE SCAVENGER HUNT

## Gale Literature Resource Center

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**ALICE WALKER** | What does Walker examine in the novel *Meridian*?

**Answer:** In *Meridian*, Walker explores the effects of racism on black mothers.

**CHARLOTTE PERKINS GILMAN** | Which theme from “The Yellow Wallpaper” do you feel is most important? Why?

**Answer:** Answers will vary. Themes may include the role of women in nineteenth-century society, the narrator’s feelings of being dominated and victimized by those around her, society’s discouragement of women’s creative self-expression, and mental illness and the medical treatment of women.

**SANDRA CISNEROS** | Why did Cisneros choose Esperanza, a preadolescent girl, to represent Mango Street?

**Answer:** Cisneros chose Esperanza in order to provide the viewpoint of someone who is still finding her place, and can therefore wonder and hope.

**NIKKI GIOVANNI** | What did Giovanni’s first librarian do to obtain books not available in the segregated library?

**Answer:** Giovanni’s first librarian, Mrs. Long, would go up to the main library to get the books that weren’t available in the segregated library.

**MARGARET ATWOOD** | In *The Handmaid’s Tale*, why is the real name of the central character never shared with the reader?

**Answer:** The real name of the central character is never revealed because, as Atwood states, “so many people throughout history have had their names changed, or have simply disappeared from view.”

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