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Student example

BLOCK:

The Handmaid's Tale - Historical Parallels (Notes) - 10 marks

Topic:

The community of Bountiful in B.C.

SOURCE:

Wikipedia (Bountiful)

Questions/ comments/
connections to the novel:

Notes in point form:

BACKGROUND
WhereWho/what
kind of
people

WHO

- a settlement located in the Creston Valley
in S.E. B.C. (near Cranbrook) (3)- made up of members of two polygamist
Mormon fundamentalists groups- named after "Bountiful" in the Book of
Mormon- the first member was Harold (aka) Michael
Blackmore, who moved there with his family
in 1946- other members of the church who believed
in the principles of plural marriages soon
followed- Winston Blackmore became the bishop in 1980's;
group took the name of Bountiful.- currently about 1000 people → most
descended from only a half a dozen menabout 6 men
father to
1000 people!

(Why?

How is this?

Summary:

SOURCE:	Global News Aug. 14/2014 "Wife of alleged B.C. polygamous leader speaks out"
Questions/ comments/ connections to the novel:	Notes in point form:
Sexual abuse ↔ Why would women stay? Why didn't they rebel?	- Bountiful - the subject of numerous investigations since the 1990's → sexual abuse + child trafficking - 13 alleged instances → underage girls from Bountiful taken to the U.S. to marry older men
The Tyee "Leaving Bountiful" Nov. 18/2004 Someone who left. How?	- Jane Blackmore - "I was there for the [sexual] needs of my husband, and that was about it." - strength to leave - from friends who "just let me know that they were my friends no matter what"

Summary: