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### “The Lottery”

1. Were you surprised by the ending of the story? If not, at what point did you know what was going to happen? How does Jackson start to foreshadow the ending in paragraphs 2 and 3?

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2. a. Where does the story take place? Describe the setting in as much detail as possible. b. How does the setting affect the story? c. Does it make you more or less likely to anticipate the ending.

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3. Look closely at Jackson’s description of the black wooden box and the black spot on the slip of paper. Why do you believe the box is described as “battered”? These objects are symbolic. Write about this.

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4. What do you believe the theme of “The Lottery” is? Think about the idea that the people of the town were reluctant to reject outdated traditions and laws. What kinds of traditions might “The Lottery” represent?

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5. Write about the mood of “The Lottery” with **3** supporting details from the story.

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6. What are some examples of irony in the story? For example, why might the title, “The Lottery,” be considered ironic? What about the opening description in paragraph one? Name one other example of irony in the story.

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