

THE LOTTERY

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INTRODUCTION

Setting: A small, country village on a sunny day. Townspeople are preparing for a yearly event.

Characters: Young school children, men, women, families, Old Man Warner and Mr. Summers, the leader of The Lottery.

Mood: Seemingly happy, carefree, and peaceful. The villagers have no major worries until the story develops further and The Lottery begins.

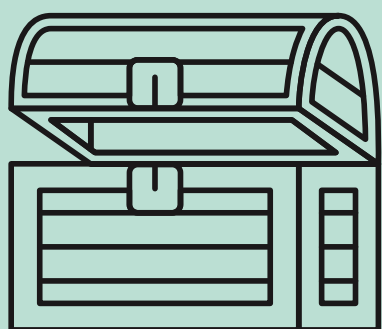


RISING ACTION

- Characters begin to select their slips of paper from the black box, scared and wondering who will be chosen.
- After hearing The Lottery might stop happening, Old Man Warner shares his opinion of continuation and tradition.
- Tessie's husband Bill selects the paper with a dot, meaning someone in his family will have to be sacrificed.

INITIATING INCIDENT

The initiating incident is when the children begin to pick up the stones, preparing for the Lottery that day. The villagers also begin gossiping and gathering together in the town square. This starts off the rising action and leads to the climax, closer to the end.



CLIMAX

In the second round of the lottery, only the Hutchinson family selects papers. Tessie unfolds her paper and sees a black dot, realizing she has been chosen, and will ultimately be the one to die.



FALLING ACTION

Tessie is quiet, while the villagers begin to pick up stones. They come and surround her in the town square. No one shows any sign of disagreement with this tradition.



CONCLUSION

Tessie screams that it isn't fair, but no one listens to her cries. All the villagers, even little Davy, throw stones at her. Tessie's tragic death is how the story ends, with the words "and then they were upon her".

