

# THE LOTTERY

#### **SHORT STORY**

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### **INTRODUCTION:**

<u>Characters</u>: The Hutchinson's, school children, families, Mr. Warner, and Mr. Summers who conducts The Lottery.

Setting: A village that is sunny, and American as apple pie. Villagers anxiously gather in the town square.

Mood: Idyllic, and a sense of tranquility.

#### **INITIATING INCIDENT:**

- Families gather together, waiting for Mr. Summers to begin the drawing.
- Children begin to round up stones, preparing for the Lottery that day.
  - Townspeople discuss and gossip on their stance on holding the yearly lottery.





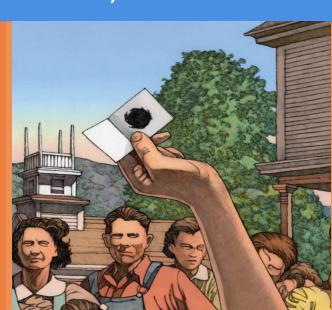


## RISING ACTION:

- 1. Participants begin selecting their slips of paper from the black box, and emotions get tense and ominous.
- 2. Mr. Adams remarks that other villages have stopped the lottery, but Old Man Warner is threatened by the idea of change.
  - 3. Bill Hutchinson selects the paper marked with the black dot. Subsequently, someone in his family will be sacrificed.

# <u>CLIMAX:</u>

- Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson and their three children continue drawing slips of paper out of the box.
- Tessie has drawn the paper marked with the dreaded black
- Ultimately, Tessie will meet her fate.





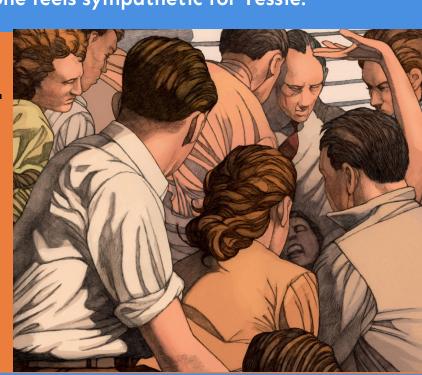
# FALLING ACTION

- Tessie protests by saying, "it isn't fair, it isn't right."
- Villagers close in on her in the town square.
- No one feels sympathetic for Tessie.

# **CONCLUSION:**

- Tessie plumets to the ground with screams and cries.
- The story ends with Tessie being surrounded by villagers who stone her to death.
- The story ends, with the words "and then they were upon her".

  (Jackson, p. 9)



## <u>CITATIONS:</u>

- Piktochart, Shirley Jackson's "The Lottery"

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