

QAR for “The Lottery”

Right There Questions

1. How is the setting described?
2. How do the children gather in the square?
3. What is a rule about drawing in the lottery?

Think & Search Questions

4. How is the black wooden box described?
5. What is Old Man Warner’s experience, past and present, with the lottery?
6. What is Mrs. Tessie Hutchinson’s reaction to the lottery from the moment her husband draws the paper with the black mark?

Author & You Questions

7. What is ironic about the setting compared to what occurs by the end?
8. How else is this story ironic?
9. Why do you think the author, Shirley Jackson, has a woman as the winner of the lottery?

On My Own Questions

10. What is the purpose for the lottery drawing? Do you think this town would ever stop conducting it? Why or why not?