

"The Lottery" Worksheet

1. When and where does the lottery take place?
2. What is the importance of the saying, "Lottery in June, corn be heavy soon"?
3. Irony is a very important element in this story. Write down one example of irony and explain why the event is ironic.
4. Foreshadowing is also an important element in the story as well. Write down one example of foreshadowing in the story.
5. What is the lottery winner's prize?
6. What do you think the theme of the story is? Please explain your answer.
7. Who or what group of people are in charge in the town? How do you know this?
8. Write down two types of symbols used in the story. What do these symbols represent?
9. What is the point of view of the story? Why would any other point of view probably not work for this story?
10. What do you think the moral of this story is? In other words, what does Shirley Jackson want you to learn by reading this story?