

The Lottery Guiding Questions

Directions: While you are reading, stop and choose the best answer.

1. What is the mood of the townspeople as they gather for the lottery? (Paragraph 3)
 - A. They are mostly light-hearted and friendly.
 - B. They are all serious and sad.
 - C. They are nervous and scared.

2. How do the townspeople view the lottery box? (Paragraph 5)
 - A. They are afraid of it.
 - B. They all want to get rid of it.
 - C. They see it as part of a tradition.

3. The rituals of the lottery... (Paragraph 7)
 - A. have become more casual over time.
 - B. are the same as they have been for generations.
 - C. have become stricter and more serious over time.

4. How does the town respond to Mrs. Hutchinson's lateness? (Paragraph 9)
 - A. pleasantly
 - B. rudely
 - C. angrily

5. Why is Mrs. Dunbar participating in the lottery? (Paragraph 14)
 - A. It's her turn to participate.
 - B. None of the men in her family are able to.
 - C. She is being punished by the town.

6. After the lottery begins, the townspeople become...(Paragraph 25)
 - A. more excited.
 - B. more nervous.
 - C. more energetic.

7. Why does the town have a lottery? (Paragraph 34)
 - A. It is tradition that is thought to bring them a good harvest.
 - B. Both the young and the old support the lottery.
 - C. They like to remember their town's history.

8. Why is Mrs. Hutchinson upset? (Paragraph 47)
- A. Mr. Summers tricked her husband.
 - B. She wasn't chosen for the lottery.
 - C. Her husband was chosen for the lottery.
9. Mrs. Hutchinson tries to convince the townspeople that... (Paragraph 60)
- A the lottery should be stopped.
 - B. her husband wasn't given a fair chance.
 - C. her husband shouldn't be participating.
10. Why are the children happy? (Paragraph 69)
- A. They have won the lottery.
 - B. They have not been chosen for the lottery.
 - C. This is the town's final lottery.
11. What happens to Mrs. Hutchinson at the end of the story? (Paragraph 79)
- A. She is killed by the townspeople with stones.
 - B. She is tricked into picking the paper with the black mark.
 - C. She is banished from the town and never able to return.