

AFTER READING

CHARACTER analysis

For each significant character, describe their physical and personality traits as well as how they view the lottery tradition. What attitude do they have about the tradition and what does that tell you about them as a character? What type of person in society might they symbolize? Comment on any change or evolution the character undergoes over the course of the story (if any).

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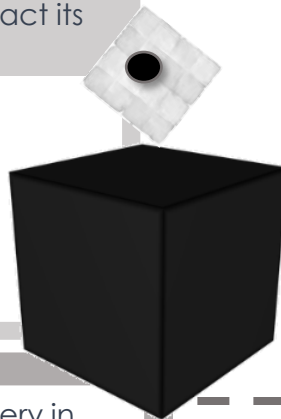
*Old Man
Marrow*



Describe the impact of the story's structure, particularly the building of suspense and the shocking conclusion. How does the text's structure impact its overall meaning?

Does the lottery tradition seem too far fetched to you? Have rituals like this taken place historically?

Why do you think all the townspeople in The Lottery went along with the tradition in spite of the risks?



Analyze the significance of the phrase "Lottery in June, corn be heavy soon" and its impact on the overall meaning of the story.

Theme:
What do you think was the most significant **theme** of the short story? Consider the symbolic significance of the lottery tradition and the unassuming black box used to carry it out. Provide evidence from the text to support your response.

How does the author's choice of language and descriptive details contribute to the tone and atmosphere of the narrative?

