

COMPREHENSION CHECK

1. Who arrives late at The Lottery?

- A) Old Man Warner
- B) Mr. Summers
- C) Mr. Graves
- D) Tessie Hutchinson

2. Old Man Warner says: "Used to be a saying, 'Lottery in June, corn be heavy soon.' First thing you know, we'd all be eating stewed chickweed and acorns. There's always been a lottery." What can you infer from this about the townspeople's understanding of the purpose of the lottery tradition?

- A) It honors the town's ancestors
- B) It honors all the people who have been killed
- C) It is a festive feast for eating chickweed and acorns to celebrate the harvest
- D) It brings the town food and prevents famine

3. What is the deeper symbolic meaning of the black box in the lottery?

- A) Death – Death is inevitable.
- B) Family – Families are strong and must be put before the broader community.
- C) Gender Roles – Male dominated and led families are superior.
- D) Blindly accepted tradition – Accepting traditions that are potentially dangerous without knowledge of their origin

4. What happens to the 'winner' of the lottery?

- A) The townspeople throw stones at them until they die
- B) They lead the ceremony the following year
- C) They are kicked out of town
- D) They receive the biggest portion of the harvest

5. The structure of "The Lottery" contributes to its impact by:

- a) Providing a comedic resolution
- b) Building suspense and surprise
- c) Presenting a linear and chronological narrative
- d) Including multiple plot twists

6. The line "Lottery in June, corn be heavy soon" is an example of which literary device?

- a) Foreshadowing
- b) Symbolism
- c) Irony
- d) Metaphor

7. What best expresses the central theme of the story?

- A) Traditions must be kept alive and are inherently valuable.
- B) Traditions should be questioned as they can be pointless and dangerous.
- C) Sometimes friends and neighbors lie to you.
- D) It is often a good idea to go along with what the group is doing.

8. What part of plot does the following line take place in?: "The morning of June 27th was clear and sunny, with the fresh warmth of a full-summer day..."

- A) Exposition
- B) Rising Action
- C) Climax
- D) Resolution

9. "The original paraphernalia had been lost long ago.." In this particular line, what does paraphernalia refer to?

- A) The clothing worn to the lottery.
- B) The song that was formerly sung at the start of the ceremony
- C) The purpose of the ceremony
- D) The original materials used to carry out the ceremony.

10. Who must draw for each family per the rules of the lottery tradition?

- A) The oldest man
- B) The youngest child
- C) The wife
- D) The most popular family member