

THE LOTTERY

PRE-READING

Get to Know

THE AUTHOR

Shirley Jackson (1916-1965) was an American author who wrote in the genres of Sci-Fi, horror, and mystery. She had an extremely prolific career that spanned two decades, having composed six novels, two memoirs, and more than 200 short stories.

Born in San Francisco, California, Jackson later attended Syracuse University in New York, where she became involved with the university's literary magazine and met her future husband. She later settled in Vermont where she worked as a writer.



Conduct Research:

How does being in a group influence human behavior? First, write your own hypothesis or theory about how being in a group might influence how people behave.

Then, conduct some research on **mob mentality**, **group think**, and **deindividuation**. What did you find? Was your hypothesis correct?

THEMES :

- Tradition
- Mob Mentality
- Gender Roles
- Critical Thinking
- Change

DEFINE: **Dystopian**

DEFINE: **Tradition**

What tradition(s) in your own life, culture, or family do you value? Would you consider passing down any of those traditions to your future family?

FOCUS: Genre & Tone
Foreshadowing & Theme