***“The Lottery”* by Shirley Jackson**

Directions: Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Describe the setting at the beginning of the story. How does the setting change throughout the story?
2. What seems to have been the original purpose of the lottery? What do people believe about it?
3. Why do you think people continue to participate in it?
4. How does the lottery compare to anything you know in real life?

1. How do you think the village people feel about the lottery? Explain.
2. What would you have done in Tessie Hutchinson’s situation? Explain.
3. How did you feel about the lottery at the end of the story? What was your reaction?
4. Do you think this sort of lottery could ever take place in your own community? Why or why not? Explain
5. How did your initial understanding of the term “lottery” compare to the lottery in the story?
6. Is the lottery a collective act of murder? Is it morally justified? Is tradition sufficient justification for such actions? How would you respond to cultures that are different from ours that perform "strange" rituals?
7. Describe the ***point of view*** of the story. How does the point of view affect what we know about the situation? How does it preserve the story's ***suspense***?
8. Identify and explain the theme of the story.