

Lottery Thematic Questions

Choose two of the following questions to respond to in at least a half-page each. Shoot for strong paragraphs using topic sentences and supporting details: use real-life examples and references to the “The Lottery” to explain your opinions. Due next class.

1. Write about rituals/traditions in our society that seem barbaric or against the morals of society.
2. What values are present in or absent from the story? Are compassion and responsibility represented at all?
3. Is this a story about conformity, or is there more to it?
4. What are our responsibilities as individuals? What would you do, realistically, if you lived in that town?
5. Write about the human need for a scapegoat (trying to find someone to blame/hold responsible).
6. Write about how fragile loyalties to family or community can be when put to the test.
7. Write about the human tendency to be unquestioning—to keep doing things even though we know they are wrong.
8. Write about human brutality and our levels of intrigue and/or indifference to it.