“The Lottery”

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Please answer in complete sentences the short answer questions making sure you incorporate the question back into your answer.

1. What do you think the villagers should do? What would you do if you lived in this village?

2. Why do you think the lottery still continues in the village?

3. Which inference is supported by the text?

a. Every member of the community is expected to be at the lottery.

b. The lottery is not an important tradition for the villagers.

c. Mr. Summers was angry at Mrs. Hutchinson for being late.

d. Mrs. Hutchinson did not want to go to the lottery, but her husband

forced her to.

4. Foreshadowing can best be defined as:

a. The emotional effect or feeling that a text creates in a reader.

b. The physical location, time and social environment in which a story takes

place.

c. The background information that is important to a text.

d. The hints or clues within a story that help readers determine what will

happen next or at the end.

5. Read the passage below. How does it show foreshadowing within “The Lottery?”

***Bobby Martin had already stuffed is pockets full of stones, and the other boys soon followed his example, selecting the smoothest and roundest stone; Bobby and Harry Jones and Dickie Delacroix -- the villagers pronounce this name “Dellacroy” -- eventually made a great pile of stones in one corner of the square and guarded it against the raids of the other boys.***

6. Imagine you are asked by the author to put in another example of foreshadowing in “The Lottery.” Explain what you would add and how that is foreshadowing.

7. Knowing that the title of the story is “The Lottery,” how is the ending of it ironic?