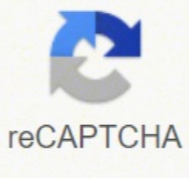




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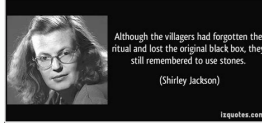


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**Symbolism: Names**

- **Tessie Hutchinson:**
- **Anti-ritual** → Ann Hutchinson held that neither church nor state was needed to connect a believer to his or her God. (In the end, Tessie rejects the lottery ritual, saying "it isn't right.")
- Tessie, diminutive for Theresa, derives from the Greek *theizein*, meaning "**to reap**", or, if the nickname is for Anastasia, it will translate literally "**of the resurrection**". (sacrifice for sins; contrast with Delacroix—"of the cross.")

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## The Lottery

### Plot Summary



#### In the morning

On June 27th, kids are the first to arrive at the square of the village. The lottery is to take place soon. The kids start collecting stones and putting them in a pile on the square. Meanwhile, adults arrive and gather in small talk groups.



#### The black box

Mr. Summers is the one who organizes the lottery. He arrives on time, carrying a small black box in his hands. He makes the list of the heads of all the families and the households in the village, along with all their members.



#### The Hutchinsons

The older villagers discuss how the lottery was held before. Meanwhile, Tessie Hutchinson gets to the square just in time for the lottery to begin: she forgot about the event. She joins her husband and kids.



#### The lottery begins

The ritual begins. Heads of the families come forward one by one, and no one unfolds the papers until the last one is drawn. Bill Hutchinson has the marked paper. Tessie protests. She is not happy that their family has won the lottery.



#### And the winner is...

Mr. Graves puts five pieces of paper in the box, including the marked one. Bill, Tessie, and their three kids take one piece each. Tessie has the marked paper. Everybody, including the kids, picks up the stones from the pile. The first stone hits Tessie's head.

