

The Lottery

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In this short story, "The Lottery," by Shirley, this small little town plays its own version of Russian Roulette. They take pieces of paper from a box and the one unlucky person with a dot on it gets stoned to death. When Tessie says, "It isn't fair, it isn't right," she was finally seeing the wrong in the lottery. It took her to see what was wrong to see what was good. This is where we see that they are trying to say that you should question tradition. Tessie was chosen and she then had just noticed that the lottery wasn't right. In this story, Tessie Hutchinson, Mr. Summers, and Old Man Warner have never questioned why they do the lottery until everyone is on them.

Tessie had been chosen and she just thought about it and how it wasn't right. Right as she started to get hit with the pebbles and rocks she started to say, "It isn't fair, it isn't right,' Mrs. Hutchison screamed, and they were upon her." Here we can see her now just questioning it but she was too late. The author in the story used a metaphor to make it sound like they were on her like flies to honey. This is just when she started to question why it isn't right. She finally saw the wrong in it. The wrong had just gotten to her. She had gotten that piece of paper and it was like her eyes had been opened, like when Adam and Eve had felt when they had eaten the fruit from the garden. She fell out of the selfless state and saw everything so clearly.

Mr. Summers would never question why they were doing the lottery because he thinks it is just his way of life. Since everyone else is doing it, he also does it and it went to him and he started to actually like it and think that it was okay. His biggest pride is the

black box. When the author is talking about it he is using symbolism because the black box represents death and the box is holding a piece of paper that will bring death onto someone. He talks about the other towns around them and how they were stopping doing the lottery and how he thinks they are wrong and they don't know what they are doing because everyone is supposed to do it. He thinks that this whole thing is okay when it is not okay because they are just killing a random person that is all of their friends. This guy is just plain out crazy with everything that he does. All he knows when it is the twenty-seventh of June is "Today we get to give an offering to our Lord," and that everyone has to do the lottery and if you don't you will suffer. He has never got snapped out of his trance. All of the people are in the same trance as he is but they aren't as deep in the trance as him. He never questioned this whole tradition thing but it was too late for him because he has not seen the wrong.

Old Man Warner has never and would never question the lottery because this is his seventy-seventh time that he is doing it. In the story, he even says " This is my seventy-seventh year, my seventy-seventh." here the author uses an alliteration when he repeats his seventy-seventh time to show you how many times he really has done it. So this means that he is super lucky and that as long as it isn't him he is fine with it. I am sure that when he was younger he was nervous to do it but now that he is older he just thinks that he isn't going to be picked because the gods don't want him, they want someone else. He also never questioned it because he wasn't being picked and he wasn't the one going to die so it is alright with him. Also, all the other people around him were doing it and he didn't want to be different. This happens a lot these days with our

youth because they also don't want to be different and be the outcast. They may also do it because the cool kids are doing it so I will too to be cool. This is how the vaping epidemic started because a group of cool kids started to do it so other kids did it too then it spread like a virus. In his childhood, he should've questioned these wrongdoings so that the people would who have died in this time get to live a long and normal life like other people.

Now one could say that Mr. Summers really doesn't like to do the whole lottery but he thinks that it is okay. When he says that the neighboring towns were dumb for not doing it shows us that he thinks that it is just a way of life and that is just what you are supposed to do. He also doesn't care about who gets picked because he only cares about himself. He lastly thinks that it is okay because he has been doing it and has never been picked and he will be doing it until he is dead or someone speaks up and says that this isn't right and they should stop doing it.

This is how the people of "The Lottery" are not questioning stuff that should most definitely be questioned. Like how Tessie Hutchison, Mr. Summers, and Old Man Warner have and will never question the lottery in a million years because they really only think about themselves and rarely about the people around them. We see people in the real world not questioning stuff because it isn't them. The government makes so many decisions that people don't question because they aren't important enough. We should all start questioning stuff that you believe is wrong because what if someone who is "more important" than you hear it and gives you credit then people will think more highly of you.