

Listening Guide- "The Lottery"- Shirley Jackson
"Her Most Famous Short Story!"

1. The story generated more negative letters and subscription cancellations than anything the _____ had ever published.
2. "I can count only _____ that spoke kindly to me."
3. There was just something _____ about "The Lottery" that went beyond attacking traditions or killing an innocent victim.
4. There is also a deliberate attempt to characterize these people as _____ and civilized.
5. "The lottery was conducted—as were the square dances, the teen-age club, the Halloween program—by Mr. _____, who had time and energy to devote to civic activities."
6. One funny thing that Jackson does in this story is she plays around with these _____.
7. Delacroix- is _____ for "of the Cross."
8. All behavior is _____-directed 100% of the time.
9. I want to point out that this is not a _____ ceremony.
10. There are three aspects of this stool, if you want to think of it as three aspects of societal _____ or control- we have religious, we have civic and we have commercial- and all three legs hold up that black box.
11. Many cultures have connected human sacrifice to crop _____.
12. As societies got more sophisticated and organized, we saw more and more links to human _____.
13. "He who is without _____ cast the first stone."
14. But what I want to point out is that people have somehow found their _____ in surviving this tradition.
15. He literally says that the _____ comes as a direct result of the lottery.
16. He's resistant to change because he's validated by this current _____ order.

17. The name Tessie Hutchinson- if we look to history there is one famous Hutchinson woman who stands out in American _____ - Anne Hutchinson.
18. She was born in 1591, and later in life she was _____ to the colony of Rhode Island after being excommunicated from Massachusetts Bay Colony for teaching among other things that _____ should read and be in leadership.
19. “Used to be a saying about ‘Lottery in June, _____ be heavy soon.’”
20. “‘It’s not the way it used to be,’ Old Man _____ said clearly. ‘People ain’t the way they used to be.’”
21. “‘It isn’t _____, it isn’t right,’ Mrs. Hutchinson screamed, and then they were upon her.”
22. Well, Mrs. Hutchinson doesn’t win a Bendix _____.
23. The _____ becomes the hypnotic focus of fascination, and we can allow ourselves to fall into some sort of spell.
24. The group experience lowers the level of consciousness like the psyche of an animal, so we don’t have to take _____ for our actions on an individual level.
25. So, Stanley Milgram did this extremely famous experiment on conformity and _____, and it was really an attempt to decide why good people would do bad things- a la the Nazis in Germany in WWII.
26. The whole experiment was about measuring and seeing how far humans would go in their _____ and their obedience into hurting other people.
27. _____ figures relieves you of some sense of responsibility in injuring other people.
28. “It was just a _____ I wrote.”
29. We are civilized, but we are not _____.
30. We are not good, we are what we always have been- ready not just to hurl that first _____, but and this is the part that’s the most disconcerting, ready to bring our children along, get them to fill up their pockets with stones, all on a _____ summer day.