***The Lottery***

**by Shirley Jackson**

**Writing Prompt**

After carefully reading Shirley Jackson's short story *The Lottery*, consider the author's message regarding the dangers of conformity. Do you believe that someone can successfully be a member of a larger group or culture and still retain his/her individuality?

In a detailed essay, articulate your position on this issue. Be sure to use specific details and examples from your reading to support your argument.

As you write, remember your essay will be scored based on how well you:

* Develop a multi-paragraph response to the assigned topic that clearly communicates the purpose of your story to the audience.
* Describe the characters, setting, and conflict using meaningful sensory descriptions and details that enable the reader to visualize the experiences in your narrative.
* Organize your story in a clear and logical manner, including an introduction, body, and conclusion.
* Use well-structured sentences and language appropriate for your audience.
* Edit your work to conform to the conventions of standard American English.

Use any of the tools available to you, such as the My Editor tab, the My Tutor tab, and your RADaR revision strategies.