The Lottery- Questions

1. Choose six words to define.
2. Identify the point of view.
3. Create a plot diagram and label components on it.
4. From the context of the story, who controls the town? Explain.
5. Is structure of the town and the lottery democratic? Explain.
6. How is the choice (who will be picked) of the lottery foreshadowed?
7. What is one of the themes of “The Lottery”? How do you know it’s a theme?
8. What does Mrs. Delacroix’s extra-large stone say about the loyalty and logic in “the Lottery”? What does the large stone represent? How might she justify the killing of Tessie?
9. How does Jackson trivialize the grave practice of the community’s traditional stoning, and what message might Jackson be trying to convey to the reader through the treatment of the characters’ behavior?

**Irony Activity- Partner Work**

Draw a vertical line down the middle of a sheet of paper, making two columns. The left column will contain examples of irony, and the right column will contain an explanation of what makes that example ironic.

One of the first items in the left column might be from the setting: the flowers are "blossoming profusely and the grass [is] richly green." This is ironic because no one would expect something awful to happen on a day like this: the imagery sets the reader up to expect happy events.