**“The Lottery” Group Discussion Questions**

1. How did your initial understanding of the term “lottery” compare to the lottery in the story? How did your initial understandings help or confuse your interpretation of the story?
2. Why do you think so much time is spent describing the black box? What does it symbolize?
3. What do you think the purpose of the lottery is in the village? Why do you think people continue to participate in it?
4. In what way does the **setting** affect the story? Does it make you more or less likely to anticipate the ending?
5. How does Jackson **foreshadow** the ending? Conversely, how does Jackson lull us into thinking that this is just an ordinary story with an ordinary town?
6. How do you think the village people feel about the lottery? Explain.
7. Do you think this story has a message for readers? Explain your view
8. How is this story similar to some of movies you have watched or books you’ve read? Make a few **connections** (Ex. The Hunger Games). How does it compare to our seating plan? Feel free to be dramatic.