“The Lottery”

* Shirley Jackson

We recently read Shirley Jackson’s “The Lottery”. During our discussion we talked about the issue we saw in the story and why Jackson chose to end the story with an ending that was completely unexpected.

Well…this is your opportunity to tell us what you believe should have been the ending to the story.

For this assignment you will be creating a new ending to the story. Your starting point is from where it says:

**“All right, folks,” Mr. Summers said. “Let’s finish quickly.”**

When working on your ending, you need to consider the following questions:

* **Who should win the lottery? Why?**
* **What does winning the lottery entail?**
* **What kind of resolution does the lottery have, if any?**
* **How might some of the themes in the story (such as tradition, rituals and customs, community, and family) influence the way the story may end?**

**Since you will only be focusing on the ending of the story, make sure to stay in keeping with the characters to whom we have already been introduced. Be prepared to share your endings with the class and give an explanation as to why you chose to end the story the way you did.**

**Good luck and be crazy creative!! ☺**