

Reading Questions on “The Lottery”

1. Who is older: Horace Dunbar or Jack Watson? Explain how you reached this conclusion.

2. Who is Janey, and why is she drawing for Clyde Dunbar?

3. Why does the black box contain slips of paper? Give two reasons.

4. What are two possible reasons the villagers “only half listened to the directions?” (p. 8)

5. Give two possible reasons why the village continues to have a lottery, based on the dialogue with Old Man Warner on pages 10 and 11.