1. In the Shirley Jackson’s “Lottery”, traditions lead to the destruction of a society by desensitizing people so that they become apathetic towards one another.
2. For example, while preparing for the “Lottery”, the town’s people behave like it is any other day. “Soon the men began to gather, surveying their own children speaking of planting and rain, tractors and taxes.” (1 Jackson).
3. In addition, when Tessie was chosen for the lottery, “It wasn’t fair!” said Tessie (5), Mrs. Delacroix replied, “Be a good sport, Tessie.” (5).
4. Furthermore, when Tess was getting stoned, “A stone hit her on the side of the head” (7), Old Man Warner said, “Come on, come one very one.” (7).
5. Traditions forces people to turn a blind eye to their own fault resulting in the destruction of one’s society.