

“The Lottery” and “ The Rocking Horse Winner” Assignment

1. Read Shirley Jackson’s “The Lottery” in your literature book and answer **ALL** of the questions.
2. Read “The Rocking Horse Winner” and answer **ALL** of the questions in your text.
3. Describe the characters actions, names, eye contact, non-verbal communication, and verbal communication in the story. What does this reveal about each character? The plot/foreshadowing? The theme?
4. Setting is the physical location and time in which a story takes place. To identify setting, we must note the specific details the author provides concerning:
 - The story’s location.
 - The time in which the action takes place.
 - The social environment of the characters, including the manners, customs, and moral values that govern their society.

While we often associate setting with “where” and “when,” it also has an emotional effect and can create a mood or atmosphere. Mood is the feeling that a text conveys to reader. What is the setting of each story? the mood of each story? Use several examples.

5. What does each story say about human nature? Use specific examples from each story to prove your points. Connect your ideas to examples in our society/world today.