Argumentative Essay: Please read Shirley Jackson’s short story, “The Lottery.” After you’ve finished the reading, write an essay that responds to the following prompt: "A ritual is a sequence of activities involving gestures, words, and objects, performed in a sequestered place and according to set sequence. Rituals may be prescribed by the traditions of a community. How is the lottery in this story a ritual? How are “old age” and “pastness” used to evoke a sense that history wants to preserve the ritual, while the future might want to get rid of it? How does this provide a critique of suburban conformity? Use specific characters and examples from the text to construct your argument. Keep in mind that your essay should be guided by a clear and direct response to the question; it should have a thesis as well as paragraphs that include main points, analysis, and evidence from the reading. QUOTES MUST BE USED FROM THE TEXT FOR CREDIT.