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**Introduction:** For this assignment we will practice close reading and analyzing text.

* Closely read *The Lottery*.
  + Use the margins to annotate as you read and to plan your response.
* Then write a well-developed, text-based, response of five paragraphs.
  + Introduction, three body, conclusion. (We will do this in class tomorrow.)
* In your response:
  + Identify a central idea in the text (suspense) and analyze how the author’s use of one literary technique develops this central idea.
  + Use strong and thorough evidence from the text to support your analysis.
    - Do not simply summarize the text.

**Guidelines:**

* Identify a central idea in the text selection (suspense).
* Analyze how the author’s use of one literary technique develops this central idea.
  + Examples include: characterization, conflict, metaphor, simile, irony, language use, point-of-view, setting, structure, symbolism, theme, tone, etc.
* Use strong and thorough evidence from the text to support your analysis.
* Organize your ideas in a cohesive and coherent manner.
* Maintain a formal style of writing.
* Follow the conventions of standard written English.

**Ask Yourself:**

* The answer to these questions should be reflected in your thesis statement.
  + How does the author build suspense in this short story?
  + What literary technique does she use to build suspense?

**Response Format:**

* Introduction
  + Thesis statement.
* Body
  + Three points of support/evidence with analysis.
* Conclusion
  + Final thoughts and wrap-up.