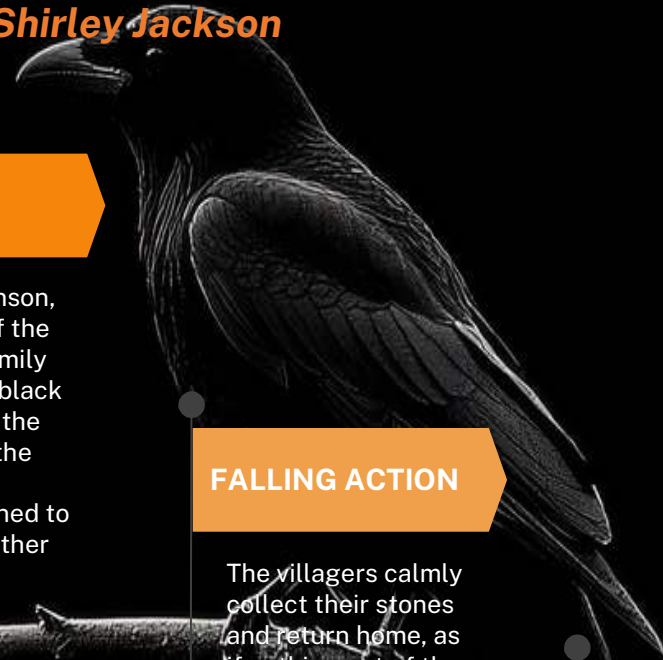


# Plot Building Template

## "The Lottery" by Shirley Jackson



### EXPOSITION

The setting is a small town on a sunny day. The villagers gather for an annual lottery, which is seemingly a cheerful and festive event.

### RISING ACTION

The lottery begins, and the villagers draw slips of paper from a box. The Hutchinson family draws the slip with a black spot, indicating that one member of the family will be stoned to death by the other villagers.

### CLIMAX

Tessie Hutchinson, the member of the Hutchinson family who drew the black spot, protests the unfairness of the lottery and is ultimately stoned to death by the other villagers.

### FALLING ACTION

The villagers calmly collect their stones and return home, as if nothing out of the ordinary has occurred.

### RESOLUTION

The story ends with a sense of unease as the reader is left to grapple with the unsettling reality of the lottery and the inhumanity of the villagers.