**“The Lottery” Essay Due: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**English 2E**

**Prompt**

In “The Lottery” by Shirley Jackson, the story features Mrs. Hutchison—a dynamic character whose motivations change over the course of the story. Write an essay in which you analyze how the author’s **diction** and **tone** shape the motivations of Mrs. Hutchison, and **how those motivations change** over the course of the story. Use evidence from the text to support your position. Avoid summarizing the plot.

Please type your essay and adhere to the following guidelines:

* **Structure** your paper in the following way:
	+ Your **introductory paragraph** should be made up of at least 3 sentences: **1.) start with a hook, 2.) provide a brief statement that summarizes or makes some commentary on the story, and then 3.) assert your thesis statement.**
	+ The **thesis statement** should be the last sentence of your introduction. (It should be ***one*** *sentence*.) The thesis statement should include a **TAG** (title, author, and genre) and make a **claim** that you will argue. (Don’t just tell me *that* Mrs. Hutchison changed, tell me **how or why or what the effect is** on the story).
	+ Organize each of your body paragraphs with **MELCon**.
	+ Provide a concluding paragraph that is at least 2 sentences: 1.) **affirm your thesis statement** in different words, and 2.) **loop back to your hook** by referencing what you said at the beginning of the paper.
* Use **Word online** to type your essay (remember, you have to log in to your **PSD150 Microsoft Outlook account**, then click on Word).
* Use a plain 12-point font and 1” margins all around.
* Use MLA style to set up your page with a **header** AND **heading**.
* Provide a **title** that is unique and descriptive.
* Include **line numbers** in parentheses to cite quotes (ll. 125-126). The end of the sentence punctuation goes **after the parentheses**.