

CCSS ELA Reading, Writing, Speaking, & Listening

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# Charlotte's Web

Interactive  
Layered Flip Book



With Answer Keys!



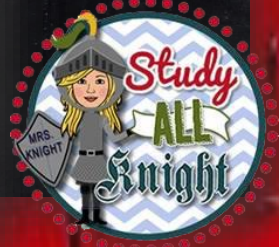
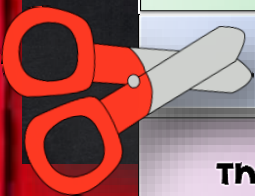
## Themes

### Get to know the characters

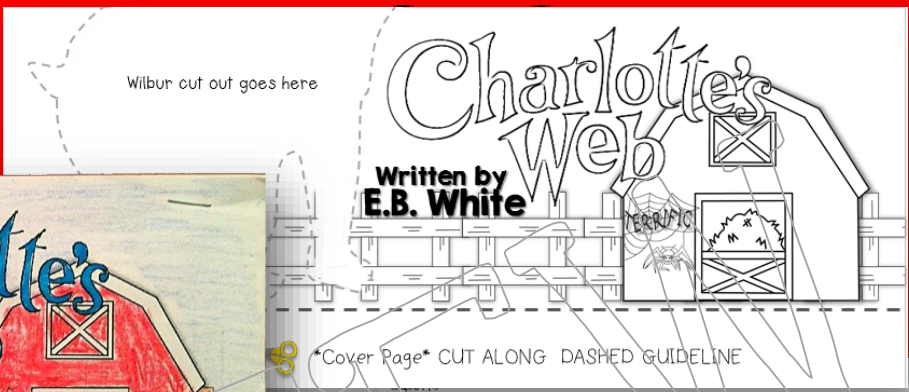
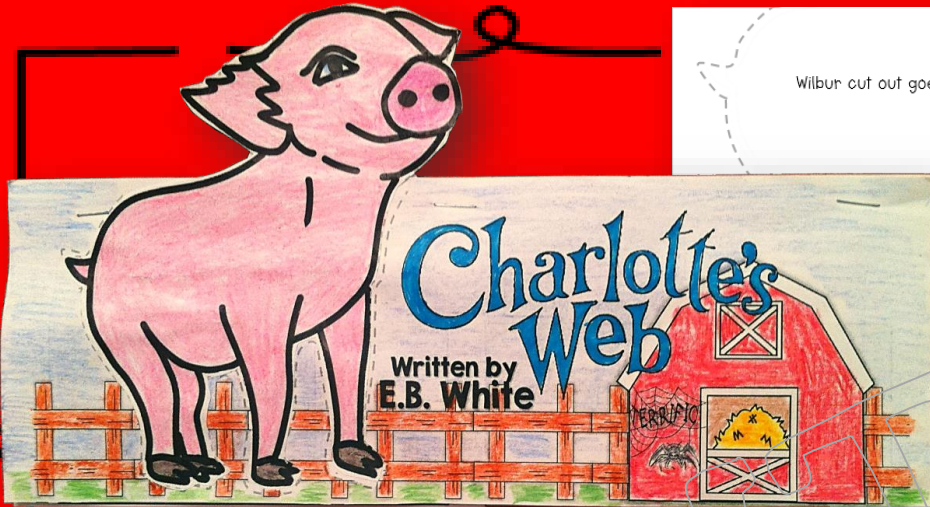
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chapters 12-17: A Meeting, Good Progress, Dr. Dorian, The Crickets, Off to the Fair, Uncle

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Wilbur cut out goes here

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\*Cover Page\* CUT ALONG DASHED GUIDELINE

1. Why do you think Mr. Arable decided not to kill the pig?
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3. Do you think the geese helped Wilbur or hurt him by suggesting he get out of his yard? Explain your answer.
4. How does the author take your mind and segue inside the barn in the first paragraph?
5. How did Charlotte catch the fly?

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**Farm Life**  
 What characters say and do that demonstrate this:

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What is important for the reader to learn:

**Determination**  
 What characters say and do that demonstrate this:

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What is important for the reader to learn:

★ 10 pages in the flip book ★

**Love and Friendship**  
 What characters say and do that demonstrate this:

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What is important for the reader to learn:

**Loyalty**  
 What characters say and do that demonstrate this:




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What is important for the reader to learn:

14. Why couldn't Charlotte go the County Fair with Wilbur?
15. Was Dr. Dorian concerned about Fern? Give reasons to support your answer.

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## Themes

<p>Traits</p>  <p>Dialogue</p> <p>Wilbur</p>	<p>Actions</p> <p>Feelings</p>	<p>Traits</p>  <p>Dialogue</p> <p>Fern</p>	<p>Actions</p> <p>Feelings</p>	<p>Traits</p>  <p>Dialogue</p> <p>Charlotte</p>	<p>Actions</p> <p>Feelings</p>
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### Wilbur


Directions:  
 Color carefully and then cut along  
 Paste or tape the Wilbur cut out  
 Make sure you use the guideline

# ★ Answer Keys for everything ★


## Characters' Answer Key


<b>Traits</b> Fern's runt, Zuckerman's pig, Charlotte's friend Rambunctious, often strongly emotional.	<b>Actions</b>
	
<b>Dialogue</b> Wilbur	<b>Feelings</b> lonely


<b>Traits</b> Imaginative and dreamy John's daughter, who adopts Wilbur in his infancy, and later visits him.	<b>Actions</b> She loved to stroke him, to feed him, to put him to bed. Even morning, as soon as she got up, she warmed his milk tied in a bibon, and held the bottle for him" (pg. 8)
	
<b>Dialogue</b> Fern	<b>Feelings</b> The only human in the story capable of understanding nonhuman conversation.


<b>Traits</b> is a spider who befriends Wilbur, in some passages the heroine of the story.	<b>Actions</b>
	
<b>Dialogue</b> Charlotte	<b>Feelings</b> affectionate, so loyal, and so skillful

## Characters' Answer Key

<b>Traits</b> is a rat who helps Charlotte and Wilbur only when offered food. He serves as a somewhat caustic, self-serving comic relief to the plot.	<b>Actions</b>
	
<b>Dialogue</b> Templeton	<b>Feelings</b>

<b>Traits</b> is a boy of an age, of whom Fern becomes fond.	<b>Actions</b>
	
<b>Dialogue</b> Avery	<b>Feelings</b> is the elder brother of Fern. Like Templeton, a source of comic relief.

<b>Traits</b> the family physician/psychologist consulted by Fern's mother; something of a wise old man character.	<b>Actions</b>
	
<b>Dialogue</b> Doctor Dorian	<b>Feelings</b>

<b>Traits</b> is Fern's uncle who keeps Wilbur in his barn. He has a wife, Edith, and an assistant named Lurvy.	<b>Actions</b>
	
<b>Dialogue</b> Homer	<b>Feelings</b>

## Study Guide Answer Key

### Chapters 1 - 5

- Why do you think Mr. Arable decided not to kill the pig? **Answers may vary, but might include he did not want his daughter to be sad, and he may have saved her point about killing her if she was small.**
- What did Mr. Arable say had to happen to Wilbur now that he was not a baby anymore? **He said that he would have to be sold.**
- Do you think the goose helped Wilbur or hurt him by suggesting he get out of his yard? **Explain your answer. Answers may vary, but might include that the goose actually hurt Wilbur because he was being chased by everyone and became very afraid and confused.**
- How does the author take your mind and senses inside the barn in the first paragraph? **Answers may vary, but might include he describes all the different smells of the barn in detail.**
- How did Charlotte catch the fly? **She spun it in her web and paralyzed it.**

### Chapters 6 - 11

- Do you think that Charlotte's plan to save Wilbur will work? **Explain your answer. Answers may vary.**
- What was Lurvy's reaction to the unusual web? **He couldn't believe what he was seeing. He dropped down and said a prayer. Then he went to get Mr. Zuckerman.**
- What are the seven sections of a spider's web? **coxa, trochanter, femur, patella, tibia, metatarsus, tarsus**
- What did the goose say would happen if Templeton broke the "dud" egg? **She said that it would stink up the whole barn.**
- What conclusion did Mr. Zuckerman and Lurvy come to about Wilbur? **That he was a special pig.**

### Chapters 12 - 17

- What was written on Wilbur's crate? **Zuckerman's Famous Pig**
- Why did Mr. Zuckerman want a crate built for Wilbur? **He wanted to show him off at the County Fair.**
- Do you know someone who is kind and thoughtful like Charlotte? **Tell about that person. Answers may vary.**
- Why couldn't Charlotte go the County Fair with Wilbur? **She had to stay and lay her eggs.**
- Was Dr. Dorian concerned about Fern? **Give reasons to support your answer. Answers may vary.**

### Chapters 18 - 22

- What was the reason that the announcer at the fair said that a spider could not have spun the web? **He said that spiders can not write.**
- Why did Templeton bite Wilbur's tail? **Wilbur had fainted and he wanted to wake him up.**
- How did the Zuckermans react when they saw that Uncle had won first prize? **They cried, and**
- How would you have reacted if you were Wilbur and Charlotte told you that she was going to die? **Answers may vary.**
- What are some things you do that give your life meaning? **Answers may vary.**

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## Themes Answer Key

### Love and Friendship

What characters say and do that demonstrate this:

"Friendship is one of the most satisfying things in the world." p. 115	Wilbur - "What a gamble friendship is!" p. 41	Charlotte works very hard to save Wilbur's life. She comes up with new words for her web to describe Wilbur. She talks to Wilbur when he is sad at the beginning of the book. She is not asking for anything in return. She helps Wilbur because she is his friend.
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What is important for the reader to learn:

Charlotte's Web follows a friendship from its beginning to its end, including all the steps in between. Charlotte taught Wilbur a great deal about how to make and be a friend. Sometimes, children have trouble understanding what a good friend is. This theme can help children in their own lives.

### Loyalty

What characters say and do that demonstrate this:

"Fern - By helping you, perhaps I was trying to lift up my life a little. Heaven knows anyone's life can stand a little of that." p. 164	After Charlotte died, Wilbur loved her children and grandchildren, beautiful, and loyal to the end. I shall always treasure her memory. To you, her daughters, I pledge my friendship, forever and ever." p. 185	Wilbur - "...I think it's fair to tell you I was devoted to your mother. I owe my very life to her. She was brilliant, beautiful, and loyal to the end. I shall always treasure her memory. To you, her daughters, I pledge my friendship, forever and ever." p. 185
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What is important for the reader to learn:

Loyalty goes together with the theme of friendship in the novel. Students usually understand the term friendship better than they understand the term loyalty. It may be helpful to define loyalty for children first and then look for examples throughout the novel.

EXAMPLE - Fern and Charlotte are both very loyal to Wilbur. In the real world, people are often loyal to other people (like family members).

### Farm Life

What characters say and do that demonstrate this:

"You'll get some extra good ham and bacon, Homer, when it comes time to kill that pig." Mr. Arable announces next. p. 126	The animals going to the fair. Many farmers raise animals and show them at county fairs.	Almost any of the barnyard scenes, except of course when the animals are talking, show what farm life is like.
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What is important for the reader to learn:

Charlotte's Web is a tale of the animals in a barn. The different animals and their roles on the farm are exemplified throughout the touching, funny, and endearing barnyard scenes. Students are often disturbed when Papa is going to kill Wilbur because he is a runt. They cheer on Fern and her aunt and uncle when they save Wilbur. However, realistic farm life is what E. B. White is first depicting in this novel. Farm animals are raised for food and products.

### Determination

What characters say and do that demonstrate this:

When Charlotte heard the announcer's words, she thought "this was her hour of triumph." p. 157	"It is deeply satisfying to win a prize in front of a lot of people." - Charlotte	Fern is determined to save Wilbur and raise him.
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What is important for the reader to learn:

Determination is such an important characteristic for children to have. If you are determined, you really can accomplish almost anything. Charlotte does this in E. B. White's novel. Wilbur's fate seems inevitable; but by the end of the novel, he is still alive.

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