

Charlotte's Web

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Characters:

John Arable- Fern's father who gave her Wilbur.

Mrs. Arable- Fern's mother who worries about Fern because she spends so much time in the barn and says that the animals can talk.

Fern Arable- The little girl who saved Wilbur's life. Spends a lot of time in the barn with Wilbur and believes that the animals can talk. Develops a crush on Henry Fussy.

Wilbur- The pig that was born a runt but was saved when Fern wouldn't let her father kill him. After that he became Fern's pig until he was sold to Mr. Zuckerman who was going to kill him and eat him until Charlotte wrote amazing things about Wilbur in her web and everybody believed that it was a miracle. A friend of Charlotte. Won first prize at the fair. Often leaves a little food for Templeton in his trough but makes a deal with him that if he will help him save Charlotte's children's lives, he will let Templeton eat first.

Henry Fussy- The boy that Fern develops a crush on.

Charlotte- The spider that was the first friend that Wilbur ever had aside from Fern. She worked very hard and came up with the plan to save Wilbur's life. She died alone shortly after laying her eggs.

Homer L. Zuckerman- Fern's Uncle who bought Wilbur for six dollars from Fern and was going to eat him until Charlotte wrote things in her web and he thought that they were miracles.

Aunt Edith- The wife of Homer Zuckerman. Fern's Aunt

Lurvy- Mr. Zuckerman's hired hand around the farm.

Avery Arable- Fern's brother that was mean to Charlotte and tried to hit her with a stick.

Templeton- The rat at Mr. Zuckerman's farm that often, rather grudgingly, runs errands for Charlotte. A very self centered rat that is always hungry and decides to go to the fair because Charlotte said that there would be a lot of food. He never throws anything out and made numerous tunnels under the barn.

Joy- Charlotte's child, named Joy because Wilbur was trembling with joy.

Aranea- Charlotte's child, named Aranea because her mother's middle initial was A.

Nellie- Charlotte's child, named nellie because she asked Wilbur to name her a sensible name- something not too long, not too fancy, and not too dumb and he chose Nellie.

Dr. Dorian- Fern's doctor that assures her mother that there is nothing wrong with Fern

Questions:

1. Why was Fern's father going to kill Wilbur? Because he was a runt

2. What color is Wilbur? White
3. What is the name of Fern's brother? Avery
4. What time did Mrs. Arable feed Wilbur every day? Around noontime
5. What kind of pig was Wilbur? A spring pig
6. How much money did Fern sell Wilbur for? Six dollars
7. How many brothers and sisters did Wilbur have? Ten
8. How old was Wilbur when he was sold? 5 months
9. Where did Wilbur live in the Zuckerman barn? Below the cows
10. How did the Zuckerman's get Wilbur back into his pen after he escaped? A pile of slops
11. What time did Wilbur want to eat breakfast the day that it rained? 6:30
12. What medicine did Mr. Zuckerman give Wilbur when he thought that he was sick? Two spoonfuls of sulphur and a little molasses
13. How long does it take goose eggs to hatch? About thirty days
14. How did Charlotte greet Wilbur? Salutations
15. How many of the Goose's eggs' hatched? Seven
16. What did the goose do with the dud egg? Gave it to Templeton
17. What did Charlotte do that Wilbur didn't like at first? Ate flies
18. Why was Mr. Zuckerman fattening Wilbur up? To kill him
19. Why was her mother worried about Fern? She said that the animals could talk
20. Where did Fern spend most of her time? The barn with Wilbur
21. When did Charlotte like to do her weaving? Late afternoon
22. How many sections does each of Charlotte's legs have? Seven
23. What promise did Charlotte make Wilbur? That she would save his life
24. Did any child ever fall off of Zuckerman's swing? No
25. What was the first message that Charlotte wrote in her web? Some pig
26. Who first saw the "Some Pig" message? Lurvy
27. What was the first thing that Charlotte did at the meeting? Called roll
28. Who was the only animal not at the meeting? Templeton
29. How many kinds of thread can spiders produce? Two, dry tough thread, and sticky thread
30. What was the second word that Charlotte wrote in her web? Terrific (Technically it was pig [some pig] but terrific was her second phrase)
31. What did Charlotte do to the letters in the word Terrific? Double lined them
32. Who was the best storyteller that Fern had ever heard? Charlotte
33. Who is Fern's doctor? Dr. Dorian
34. What day did Mrs. Arable call Dr. Dorian? Saturday
35. Who thought it was their job to warn everyone that summer was over? The crickets
36. Why was Charlotte debating whether to go to the fair or not? She needed to lay her eggs
37. What time did Lurvy go to bed the night of the fair? 8:30
38. What did the crate that Wilbur was carried in say? Zuckerman's Famous Pig
39. How much money did Avery get for the fair? Seventy cents
40. What kind of milk did Wilbur always get? Skim

41. What was the name of the big pig next to Wilbur? Uncle
42. What was the last word Charlotte ever wrote? Humble
43. What did Wilbur think that Charlotte's egg sack was? A plaything
44. How many eggs did Charlotte lay? 514
45. What did they wash Wilbur in before the fair? Buttermilk
46. Why did Wilbur faint after he won the prize at the fair? He gets embarrassed easily
47. Who got Charlotte's egg sack for Wilbur? Templeton
48. Did Charlotte come home from the fair? No
49. What piece of advice did the old sheep give Templeton? You would live longer if you ate less
50. What was Templeton's response to the sheep's word of warning? Who wants to live forever

In What Book...

Did a girl save a pig?

Was there a white pig?

Did somebody have a true friend who was a good writer?

Was there a rat that never did anything unless there was something in it for him?

Did a girl believe animals could talk?

Did a girl put a pig in her carriage right next to her doll?