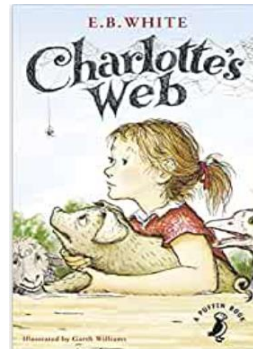


Book Knowledge Organiser - Charlotte's Web

Main Characters

Wilbur	A pig - the runt of a litter
Charlotte	A kind, knowledgeable spider
Fern	An 8-year-old girl who saves Wilbur from being killed as a piglet.
Mr Zuckerman	Fern's uncle who agrees to buy Wilbur
Templeton	A rat that lives in the Zuckerman barn
John Arable	Fern's father who is a farmer
Mrs Arable	Fern's mother
Mrs Zuckerman	Mr Zuckerman's wife
Goose	A goose that lives in the same barn as Wilbur
Oldest Sheep	An impatient sheep who helps Wilbur
Uncle	A large pig at the fair



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County fairs in America include vegetable growing competitions, jam making, farm animals, rides, stalls and entertainment.

Key vocabulary

destiny	A force which some people believe controls what happens in your life
determined	A firm decision to do something
forlorn	Alone, unhappy, uncared for
frantic	Behaving in a wild way because you are worried.
gullible	Easily tricked, too trusting
languish	To remain and suffer in an unpleasant situation
monotonous	Boring because it never changes
objectionable	Offensive and unacceptable
pompous	Behaving as if you're more important than you are
salutation	A greeting to someone
tranquil	Calm and peaceful
untimely	Something happening sooner than it should have
versatile	Having many different skills or purposes
weak	Not very powerful or strong

Plot

When Wilbur the pig is in danger of being slaughtered by the farmer, Charlotte the spider writes messages praising him in order to persuade the farmer to let him live.

Setting

Fern's house, her uncle's barn and the county fair.

Key Themes

The power of language, friendship and sacrifice.