Charlotte's Web

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Chapter 1 - 2

Vocabulary

Fern  happy  ax

special  runt  Avery
"Where's Papa going with that ax?" Fern asked her mother.

Fern's mother told her that her father was going to the barn to kill a pig. A runt was born, he was smaller than the other pigs. Fern ran after her papa to stop him. She cryed, and told her papa that she would take care of the runt. Fern's papa told her she could keep him. Papa said that the runt would be trouble. Fern was so happy, she named the pig Wilbur.

Wilbur was special.
Avery was Fern's brother, he wasn't very nice. He thought Wilbur was a silly runt. Every day, when Fern got home from school, she would run to feed Wilbur a bottle. Wilbur loved to eat. Fern loved Wilbur more than anything else. She took care of Wilbur all day and night.

Wilbur was special.
Chapter 3 - 4

Vocabulary

Barn
sell
Zuckerman
bored
Tempelton
horse
geese
sheep
One day, Fern’s dad said it was time to sell Wilbur. He was growing up. Fern did not want to sell Wilbur. Fern’s dad told her to see if her Uncle Zuckerman, wanted to buy Wilbur. The Zuckerman barn was only down the street. Fern’s uncle bought Wilbur. Now she could visit Wilbur every day.

Wilbur was special.
Wilbur lived in a big barn. He lived with horses, geese and sheep. There was even a rat, but he was lonely. He tried to get out of his pen one day and ran around. Zuckerman chased him and caught him. Wilbur was bored, he said "I am so lonely, one day is just like the other." Wilbur was sad.

Wilbur was special.
It was raining outside, and Wilbur was bored. He asked the geese to play, and they said "no." He asked the horse to play and he said "no." He asked Tempelton, the rat, to play, and he said "no." Tempelton was busy finding trash to eat. Wilbur started to cry. Then all of the sudden, a voice said "I will be your friend." Wilbur didn't know where it came from.

Wilbur was special.
Chapter 5 - 6

Vocabulary

- bugs
- kill
- friend
- Charlotte
- Summer
- hatch
- Christmas
In the morning, Wilbur woke up. He looked everywhere for his new friend. Finally, she spoke to him. She said her name was Charlotte.

Then Wilbur watched her eat bugs in her spiderweb. He was sad. He did not like her eating bugs. He thought she was mean. But he also though she was smart and pretty. Wilbur had a new friend.

Wilbur was special.
It was early summer. Wilbur was happy in the barn. The goose's eggs hatched with gooslings. Tempelton was happy because he got to eat the egg that didn't hatch. The goose told Charlotte that at Christmas time, the Zuckerman's would kill Wilbur. Wilbur was special.
Chapter 7 - 8

Vocabulary

help

loved

fattening

happy

Review: Kill

Eat

Wilbur
Fern came to visit Wilbur every day. Wilbur was very happy with Charlotte as a friend. Wilbur was growing more everyday. He ate alot. The sheep told Wilbur that the Zuckerman's were fattening him up to kill him and eat him. Wilbur screamed.

Wilbur cryed "I don't want to die, save me, save me!" Charlotte promised to help Wilbur. Charlotte didn't want him to die either!

Wilbur was special.
Charlotte told Wilbur to stop crying. Wilbur loved Charlotte. Fern told her mom everything that the animals said in the barn. Fern's mom told her that animals don't talk. But Fern did hear the animals talk.

Wilbur was special.
Wilbur watched Charlotte spin her web. He wanted to make one too. Wilbur ran to the top of the food pile and jumped off. Wilbur fell down. Wilbur could not make a web like Charlotte. Wilbur was a pig, not a spider. That night, he got worried. Wilbur asked Charlotte how she was going to help him. Charlotte said she was working on a plan. Charlotte told Wilbur to go to sleep, and not worry about it.

Wilbur was special.
Day after day, Wilbur waited for Charlotte to come up with an idea to help him. Finally, Charlotte thought of an idea. She would play a trick on Zuckerman. That afternoon, Avery and Fern came to the barn. They played on the swing, until Avery found Charlotte. Avery tried to catch Charlotte. Avery fell on the rotten goose egg Tempelton kept. It smelled very bad, so Avery left the barn. Fern was mad at Avery. When Wilbur went to bed that night, Charlotte began to work.

Wilbur was special.
Chapter 11 - 12

Vocabulary

surprised

crowd

proud

meeting

terrific

Review: web
The next morning, Mr. Zuckerman came to the barn to feed the animals.

When he got there, he saw the spider web. It said "SOME PIG". Zuckerman was so surprised he dropped his food. We ran to the house to tell him wife, she laughed. She did not believe him. He showed her the web. Soon everyone came to see it, there was a crowd. Everyone wanted to see Wilbur. Wilbur was proud! Fern missed playing with the animals.

Wilbur was special.
After the crowd left, Charlotte had a meeting. She asked all the animals to come. Charlotte told them that her trick had worked. Everyone loved Wilbur, and they would no want to kill him. She wanted to make a new web. The sheep told her to write "Terrific". Charlotte thought that was a good idea. She asked Tempelton to find her another word, too. Tempelton said "no." If Wilbur was killed, Mr. Zuckerman would stop bringing food for Wilbur. Tempelton would have no where to steal food from. Tempelton say o.k. Charlotte got to work on the web.

Wilbur was special.
Chapter 13 - 15

Vocabulary

- clean
- pen
- word
- radiant
- Fall
- eggs
- County Fair
When Zuckerman got to the barn that next morning, the web said "Terrific." He was surprised again, he told the crowd to come back to see it. Zuckerman decided that they has a special pig. He fed Wilbur good food, and cleaned his pen. Fern still came to visit everyday. Charlotte’s trick was working. That night, Tempelton came back with some words for the next web. Charlotte liked the word RADIANT, and so did Wilbur.

Wilbur was special.
By the time it was Fall, Wilbur was very happy. He still had a crowd everyday, and he was still friends with Charlotte. Charlotte had saved him. Wilbur had been "some pig", "terrific", and "radiant." The Zuckerman's loved Wilbur. He was proud. Soon it would be time for the County Fair. Wilbur asked Charlotte to come with him. Charlotte said she may not be able to. Charlotte needed to lay eggs. She promised to try.

Wilbur was special.
Chapter 16 - 18

Vocabulary

excited
cried
tired

win
rides
nap

not  proud
Everyone was excited for the County Fair. Wilbur wouldn't wait. He wanted to win first prize for being the best pig. Charlotte decided to go with Wilbur to the fair to save him. She asked Tempelton to come too. When Wilbur was getting ready to go to the fair he heard Zuckerman say that Wilbur was a great pig. He said he was a great pig for killing, to eat bacon and ham. Wilbur cryed. Charlotte said she was going to have to work very hard to save Wilbur. She needed an extra special web.

Wilbur was special.
When they got to the fair, Fern and Avery went to play on the rides. Zuckerman put Wilbur in his pen. Charlotte was very tired and took a nap. Wilbur met the other animals at the fair. That evening, Charlotte told Tempelton to get her a new word for the web. Tempelton came back with the word HUMBLE. It meant not too proud. That was a good word for Wilbur. Wilbur was happy that Charlotte was with him. He loved Charlotte. Then, Charlotte began to make something new, this time for herself.

Wilbur was special.
Chapter 19 - 22

Vocabulary

sac

spring

old

Review: sac friends
When Wilbur woke up the next morning, he found Charlotte. She made her egg sac. It was beautiful. She layed 514 eggs. Wilbur couldn't believe how many baby spiders she would have. Charlotte was very tired, she sounded sad. Wilbur asked her why she was sad.

Charlotte told Wilbur that she would not be around to see her babies be born next Spring. Wilbur did not understand why. Charlotte said she was getting old.

Wilbur was special.
When the Zuckerman's saw the new web with the word HUMBLE, they were happy. The people saw Wilbur and loved him. They wanted to give him a special award. After the award, the Zuckerman's decided that they would never kill Wilbur. Charlotte had saved Wilbur.

Wilbur was special.
Charlotte told Wilbur that she would not be coming back to the barn. She was going to die. Wilbur was sad, he didn't want to lose his friend.

Wilbur asked Tempelton to get her egg sac. They brought it back to the barn with them. The next Spring, the sac opened and 514 baby spiders came out. Wilbur was so happy. He had Charlotte's babies as friends now.

Wilbur would never forget Charlotte. Wilbur loved Charlotte and her babies.

Wilbur was special.
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