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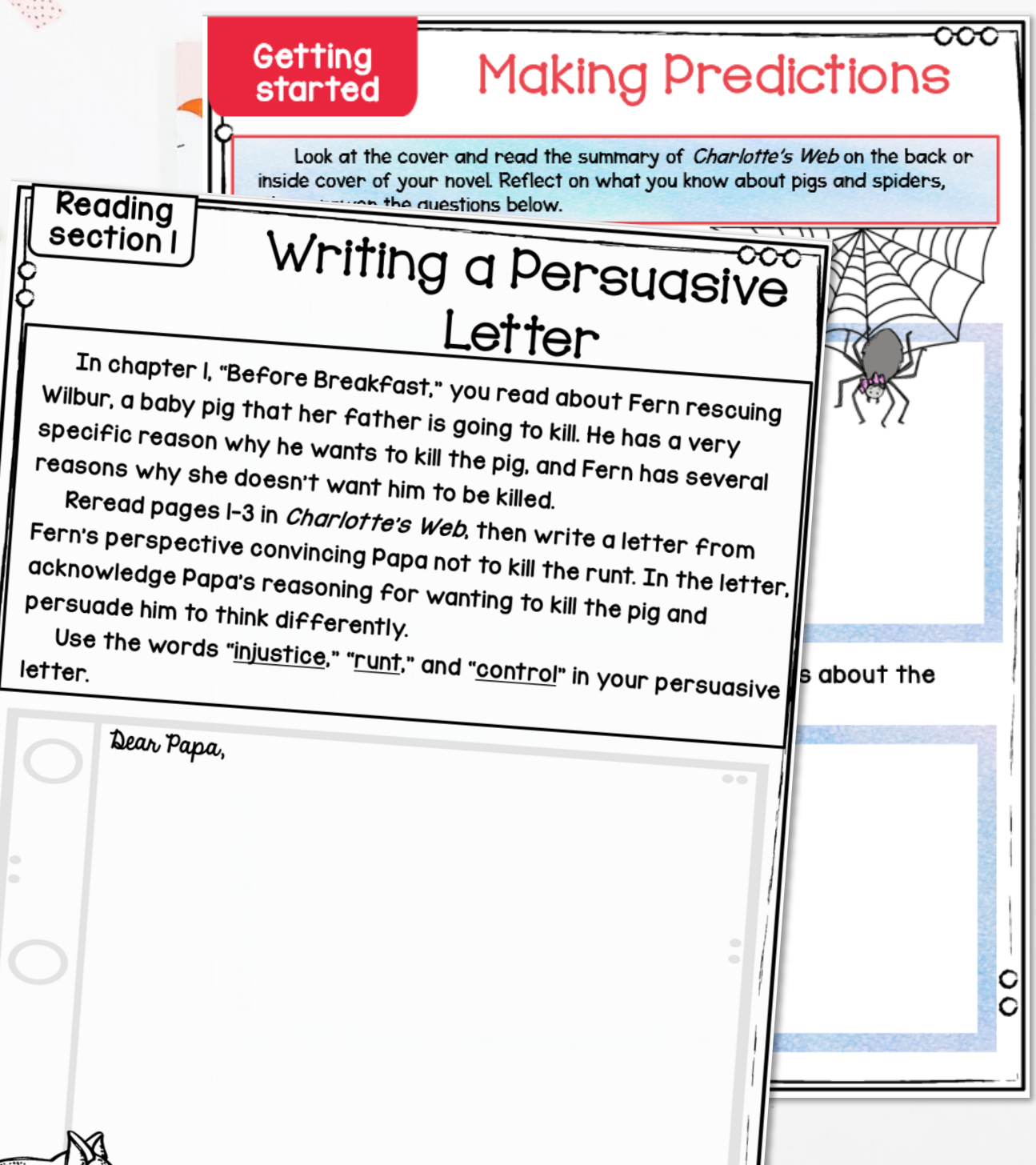
Charlotte's Web



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reading section I

Character Web: Wilbur

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- **information**
- **observations** and
- **quotes**

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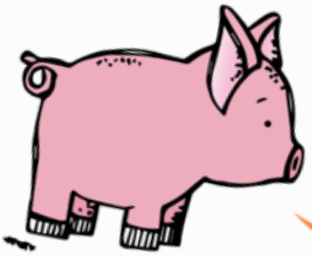


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reading section 1

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Quick Assessments for Each Section

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Teacher Instructions

This NOVEL GUIDE is designed to elevate your novel study in an engaging way for students. Students will work in their Novel Guide Notebook while reading the assigned novel. This novel guide can be used in multiple ways: independent work, partner work, small group work, or even summer reading.

This novel guide was created for the novel *Charlotte's Web* and is divided into SIX sections:

1. GETTING STARTED: pre-reading activities
2. READING SECTION 1: during reading activities
3. READING SECTION 2: during reading activities
4. READING SECTION 3: during reading activities
5. READING SECTION 4: during reading activities
6. FINISHING UP: after-reading activities

There are twenty-two chapters in *Charlotte's Web*. To organize this novel guide, we have divided the chapters into five main reading sections. These are the chapters that we suggest students read together before completing that section of activities. The chapter titles within each section are reflected and numbered on the following page.

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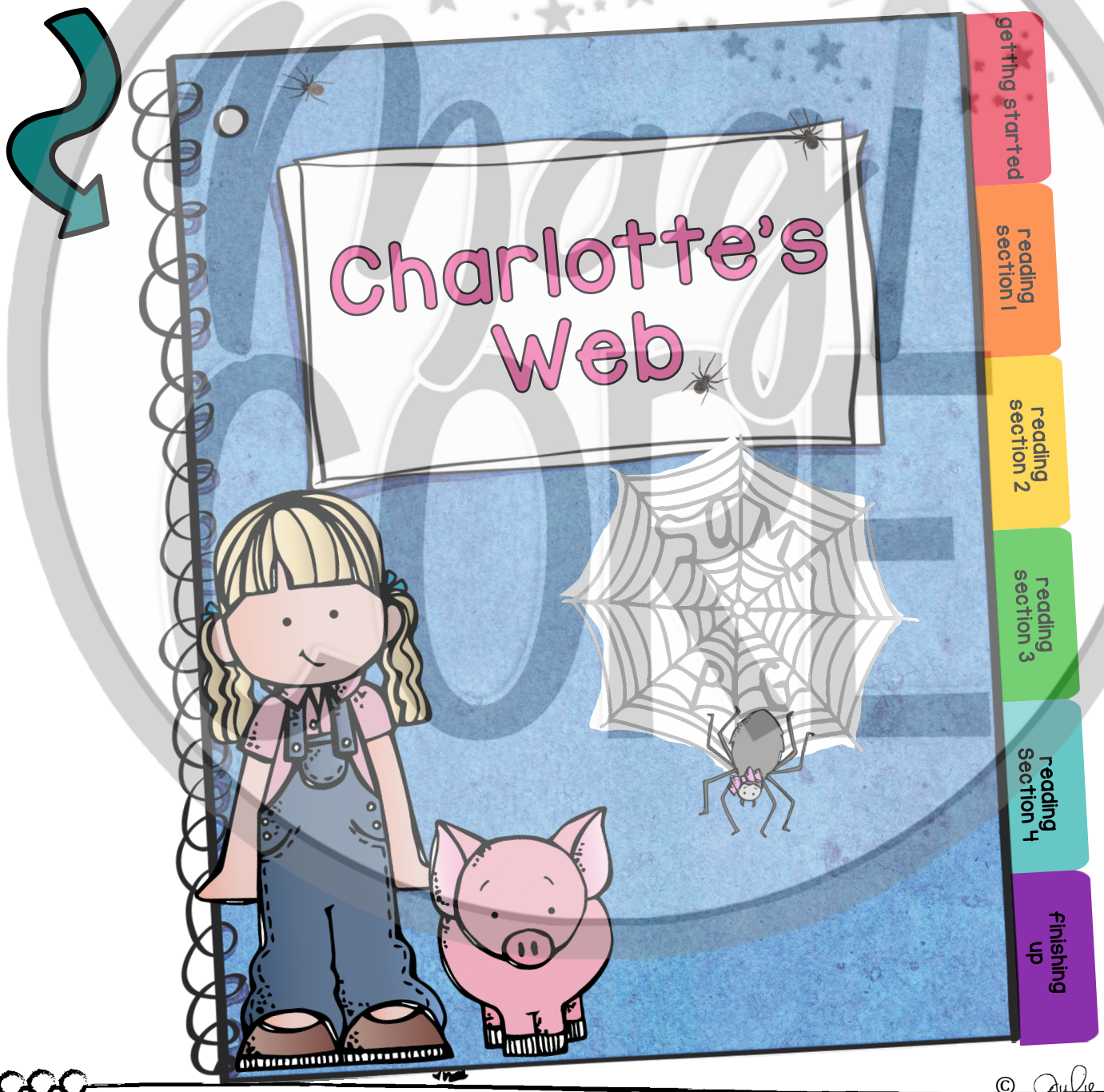
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SECTION 2	5. Charlotte 6. Summer Days	7. Bad News 8. A Talk at Home	9. Wilbur's Boast
SECTION 3	10. An Explosion 11. The Miracle	12. A Meeting 13. Good Progress	14. Dr. Dorian
SECTION 4	15. The Crickets 16. Off to the Fair	17. Uncle	18. The Cool of the Evening
FINISHING UP SECTION 5	19. The Egg Sac 20. The Hour of Triumph	21. Last Day 22. A Warm Wind	

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Let's Read!

Welcome to the *Charlotte's Web* Novel Guide Notebook. It will be your guide as you read this amazing story.

To work through the notebook, follow the section tabs in order from beginning to end. When you see a new colored tab, it means you are at the beginning of a new section. Each section will have directions, including what chapters need to be read and what activities need to be completed.



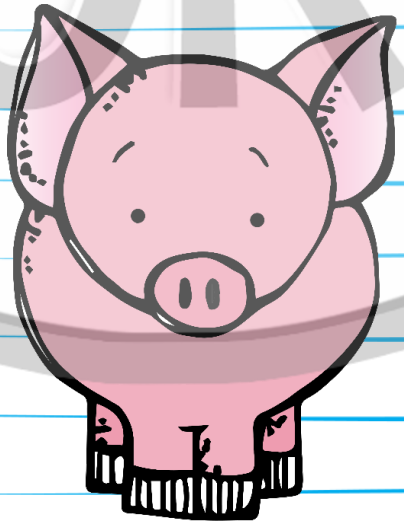
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Getting Started!

Before jumping into the novel, *Charlotte's Web*, you are going to learn some important background information about the characters and setting. You will also have a chance to make some predictions!

To get started, complete each activity below.

1. Learn about pigs.
2. Learn about spiders.
3. Make a prediction about *Charlotte's Web*.



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Getting started

What Do You Know About Pigs?

One of the main characters in *Charlotte's Web* is a pig named Wilbur! What do you already know about pigs?



The smallest and/or weakest pig in a litter is called the "runt."

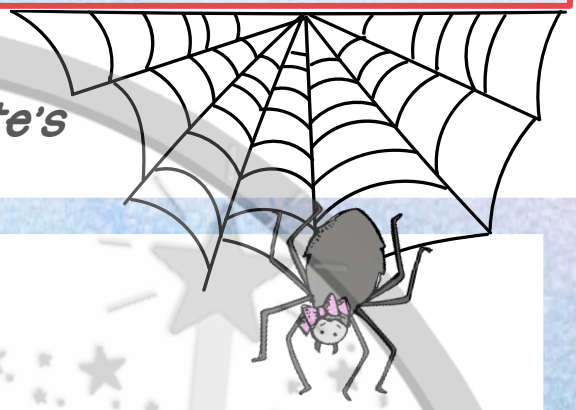
Runts may survive and become big, strong pigs, or they may die.



Getting started

Making Predictions

Look at the cover and read the summary of *Charlotte's Web* on the back or inside cover of your novel. Reflect on what you know about pigs and spiders, then answer the questions below.



1. What do you think the novel *Charlotte's Web* is about?

2. What elements contribute to your predictions about the book?

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getting started

reading section I

Reading Section I

It's time to start reading *Charlotte's Web*! Be sure to read the chapters of section one listed below before starting the activities below.

1. BEFORE BREAKFAST
2. WILBUR
3. ESCAPE
4. LONELINESS

After reading the chapters of section one, complete each activity below.



1. Review the vocabulary.
2. Write a personal letter to Papa.
3. Explore problem and solution.
4. Explore the character of Wilbur.
5. Make a prediction!
6. Show what you know!

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reading section I

Vocab Review

Check out the important vocab words in the first section of *Charlotte's Web*. Using a dictionary, complete the chart below. Check off each vocab word as you complete it by adding a checkmark to the small box.



Scan the code to access an online dictionary if needed.

word:

definition:

sentence:

It is an injustice that not all people are treated with kindness and respect.

word:

definition:

In *Charlotte's Web*, "queer" is used to mean strange, or unusual.

side note:

For some time, "queer" was a disrespectful term directed at people in the LGBTQ community. Some people still find this word to be disrespectful. Other people use it as a marker of their identity with pride.

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definition:

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Writing a Persuasive Letter

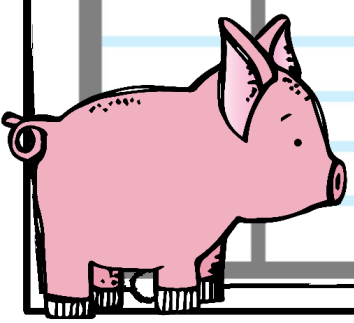
In chapter I, "Before Breakfast," you read about Fern rescuing Wilbur, a baby pig that her father is going to kill. He has a very specific reason why he wants to kill the pig, and Fern has several reasons why she doesn't want him to be killed.

Reread pages I-3 in *Charlotte's Web*, then write a letter from Fern's perspective convincing Papa not to kill the runt. In the letter, acknowledge Papa's reasoning for wanting to kill the pig and persuade him to think differently.

Use the words "injustice," "runt," and "control" in your persuasive letter.

Dear Papa,

Love, Fern



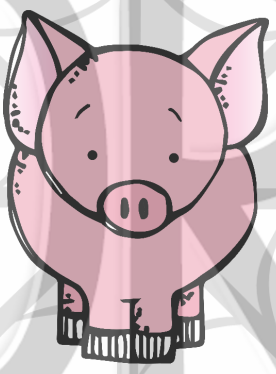
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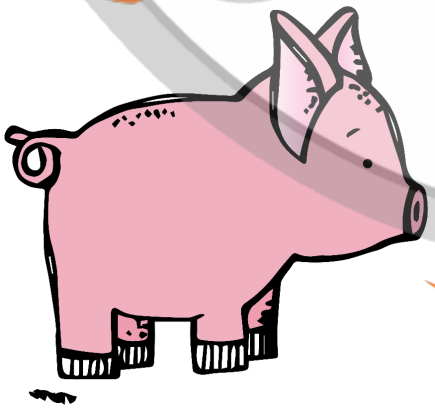


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Wilbur Wants

In chapter 4, "Loneliness," we get the first glimpse into Wilbur's own thoughts and feelings. Read two quotes from that chapter on this slide. What impression(s) of Wilbur do you get as you read the quotes? What is his biggest desire?

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A Voice in the Dark

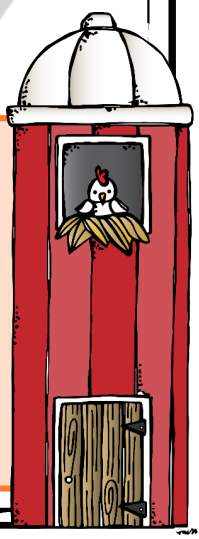
At the end of chapter 4, "Loneliness," Wilbur is feeling very emotional. He's just tried to befriend Templeton when he hears an unknown voice in the darkness. Reflect on the last few pages of chapter 4, then answer the questions below.

1. What does Wilbur want from Templeton, and how does Templeton respond to his request?



2. Who do you think the voice belongs to? Copy a quote that contributes to your prediction.

3. The voice tells Wilbur that they've been watching him all day and like him. What did Wilbur do that day that might make someone say that?



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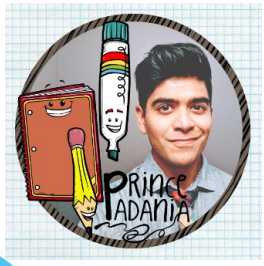
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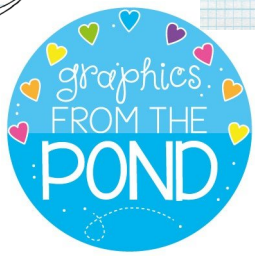


















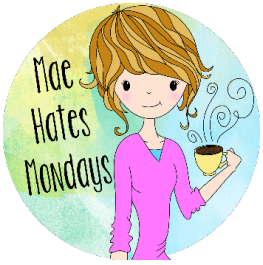






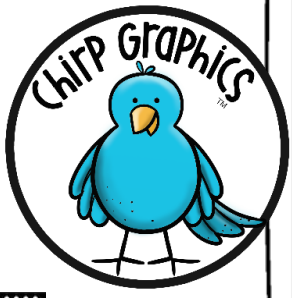


















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