Charlotte’s Web by E.B. White
Chapter Questions

Chapter One: Before Breakfast
1. Why did Fern yell at her mother?
2. What did her Dad carry out to the hoghouse?
3. Why did Fern blush after she had answered the teacher’s question?
4. What name did Fern give to her new pet?

Chapter Two: Wilbur
1. What tasks did Fern love to do for Wilbur?
2. Where in the house did Wilbur live at first?
3. What did Mr. Arable say would have to happen to Wilbur when he was five weeks old?
4. Who bought Wilbur from Fern?

Chapter Three: Escape
1. What did the barn mostly smell of?
2. How was Mr. Zuckerman related to Fern?
3. Did Wilbur enjoy his new found freedom?
4. How did Mr. Zuckerman coax Wilbur back into the pen?

Chapter Four: The Loneliness
1. Where did Templeton live?
2. What did Wilbur want more than food?
3. What did Lurvy force Wilbur to swallow?
4. What sound did Wilbur hear in the darkness that evening?
Chapter Five: Charlotte

1. Why didn’t Wilbur sleep well that night?
2. What did the voice say to Wilbur in his dream?
3. How was Charlotte underneath her bold and cruel exterior?
4. In your opinion, how did Wilbur feel about Charlotte initially?

Chapter Six: Summer Days

1. How often did Fern visit the barn, now that summer had arrived?
2. How did the animals treat Fern?
3. Where did Templeton disappear with his gift?
4. Is the rat described in a good way in this chapter?

Chapter Seven: The Bad News

1. How were Charlotte and Wilbur getting along?
2. What opinion did everyone on the farm have about flies?
3. Why did Wilbur race up and down and scream?
4. What promise did Charlotte make to Wilbur?

Chapter Eight: A Talk at Home

1. Who was at the breakfast table?
2. Where was Fern’s Brother Avery?
3. What did Fern’s dad say about her when the parents chatted?
4. Who did the Mam say that she would talk to about Fern?
Chapter Nine: Wilbur’s Boast

1. When did Charlotte like to do her weaving on her web?
2. What had he forgotten to do with the string?
3. How did the lamb hurt Wilbur’s feelings?
4. When does Charlotte do her “thinking”?

Chapter Ten: An Explosion

1. What was Charlotte waiting for?
2. What did she say about fooling humans?
3. What did Avery squash when he fell on the trough?
4. How did Lurvy get rid of the bad smell?

Chapter Eleven: The Miracle

1. Why was Lurvy surprised when he saw the web?
2. What did he say to himself?
3. How was Avery punished for trying to hit Charlotte?
4. How did the farmwork suffer due to entertaining all the visitors?

Chapter Twelve: A Meeting

1. Where did Charlotte call the animals together?
2. Who was missing?
3. How did the sheep convince the rat to help?
4. What compliment did Charlotte pay to Wilbur?
Chapter Thirteen: Good Progress

1. Why did Charlotte use dry thread for the new word?
2. Why did she decide to do double lines for the letters?
3. What type of song did Charlotte sing?
4. How does Charlotte describe her cousins?

Chapter Fourteen: Dr. Dorian

1. What chore was Fern doing this Saturday morning?
2. What did Mrs. Arable hope that Fern would do?
3. What did he say about paying attention?
4. How did Mrs. Arable feel after her chat with the doctor?

Chapter Fifteen: The Crickets

1. Which season was coming to an end?
2. What worry did some of his barn friends have about Wilbur?
3. What had Charlotte made?
4. What word did Charlotte use to describe herself?

Chapter Sixteen: Off to the Fair

1. What did Avery dream about on the night before the Fair?
2. How was the weather on the day of the fair?
3. What happened to the truck?
4. Where did Charlotte hide?
Chapter Seventeen: Uncle

1. What did the children ask their uncle for?
2. What did their parents decide to let the children do?
3. How did the children look after their time going around the fair?
4. How did Lurvy cool everyone down?

Chapter Eighteen: The Cool of the Evening

1. What did Templeton decide to do?
2. What did he bring back to Charlotte?
3. Did Fern enjoy that day at the fair?
4. In your opinion, why is Charlotte tired?

Chapter Nineteen: The Egg Sac

1. How did it seem to Wilbur that Charlotte had changed during the night?
2. What object did Wilbur ask Charlotte about?
3. What did the announcement say?
4. What was Charlotte sure of as she heard the announcement?

Chapter Twenty: The Hour of Triumph

1. Where was Wilbur to be unloaded?
2. How Wilbur feel at this time?
3. How did Mr. Zuckerman end up getting wet?
4. How did the crowd react to the antics of Lurvy?
Chapter Twenty One: Last Day

1. What could Wilbur see out of the corner of his eye?

2. How did Charlotte feel?

3. Why wasn’t Charlotte returning to the barn?

4. How did Wilbur ask Templeton to help?

Chapter Twenty Two: A Warm Wind

1. Why was Wilbur’s return to the barn “a strange homecoming”?

2. What gave Wilbur a lump in his throat?

3. What made Wilbur sad about the baby spiders?

4. Why did Wilbur never forget about Charlotte?