

Charlotte's Web

The main themes in the story of *Charlotte's Web* are friendship and loyalty. Charlotte works very hard to save Wilbur's life. She comes up with new words to spin in her web to describe Wilbur. She talks to Wilbur when he is sad, not asking for anything in return. She helps Wilbur because she is his friend. Wilbur takes care of Charlotte's babies after she dies. He wants to help Charlotte even though she is no longer there to help him. This is another true example of friendship.

- 0:00 The movie begins in Summerset County. An ordinary place, but one spring on a small farm a little girl did something that would change everything.
 Fern stops a runt pig from being killed, she declared that she would feed it and look after it.
- 5:27 Fern smuggles the pig into class and gets caught. She treats it as a baby. The pig is named Wilbur.
- 8:00 Wilbur is moved across the road to Fern's uncle's farm.
- 10:45 The other animals in the barn watch Wilbur escape.
- 12:00 Wilbur returns, the other animals watch on.
- 13:30 Wilbur introduces himself to the others and plays in the mud. He can't get anyone to play with him. He questions them asking their names. They say they are all friends because they have been together for such a long time, Wilbur asks if that really makes you a friend.
- 16:05 He meets the rat who tells him that the rat rules because he has been around a lot longer than pigs. He says his name is Templeton, and he won't play with Wilbur, it's just not on his list of things to do.
- 18:05 Fern goes over to the barn to say goodnight to Wilbur. He calls out to the other animals because he is lonely. He begins talking to Charlotte who asks him to sleep now then they can talk later.
- 19:35 Wilbur wakes up early and wants to speak to Charlotte not realising she is a spider. She comes down to introduce herself.
- 20:46 The other animals are scared of her. She says salutations - a fancy way of saying hello- and tells Wilbur her name. Wilbur asks if that makes them friends now and Charlottes answers with "I suppose so". Wilbur is so excited.
- 23:23 Wilbur has to explain to the others why he is so happy. The other animals can't see the attraction. Wilbur thinks Charlotte is beautiful, he sees her as a friend the others see her as a scary spider.
- 24:23 Charlotte and Wilbur continue with their friendly conversations.
- 26:00 The goslings hatch and there is one left not hatched, Templeton takes it away.
- 28:30 Ferns brother tried to catch Charlotte. Templeton tells Wilbur that he is being fattened for Christmas. He goes to Charlotte for the truth. She tells him not to worry she will keep him safe. Wilbur trusts Charlotte.

- 31:40 Fern tells her mother that all her best friends are in the barn. Her mother is concerned.
- 32:45 Charlotte reassures Wilbur they will work something out about Christmas.
- 35:00 The farmhand at the farm can't believe what he sees. Charlotte has woven a web that says "some pig". A minister is brought in to see it, they believe it's a miracle. Word spreads quickly. Many people come to see and Wilbur poses for the cameras.
- 39:10 After a while the mystery was forgotten and Wilbur was still worried about not making it past Christmas. The animals gather together for a meeting. Charlotte asks for a word that would describe Wilbur. They all give their suggestions and then Charlotte asks Wilbur for his.
- 42:00 Charlotte sets to work again and spins a web that says "terrific".
- 43:30 Fern's mother seeks help, the doctor suggests that the spinning of a web is a miracle.
- 45:00 The animals have another go at finding a word to describe Wilbur. Templeton doesn't want to help. He doesn't care about Wilbur. Wilbur gives Templeton a carrot to keep his strength up.
- 49:00 Templeton is harassed by crows at the rubbish dump.
- 50:35 Wilbur draws the animal's attention to the sunset and the word "radiant" is decided on to describe Wilbur. It's spun into another web to try to save Wilbur.
- 52:15 A large crowd gathers at the farm and it's announced that Wilbur will be entered at the town fair.
- 53:30 Charlotte tells Wilbur that she can't go to the fair but she is "expecting" him to do well.
- 55:20 Even though Charlotte is not up to the trip she decides she has to go to the fair to help Wilbur.
- 58:00 Fern's dad tells her he is proud of her for doing whatever she has done to save Wilbur.
- 1:00 Charlotte sees the fair as her last chance to save Wilbur and asks Templeton for more words to describe Wilbur.
- 1:03:55 Templeton finds a word "remarkable". Charlotte gets to work.
- 1:04:55 Wilbur tells Charlotte that he doesn't feel he deserves all the words she has written about him.
- 1:06:22 Wilbur doesn't win the ribbon but everyone sees the word Charlotte has spun.
- 1:08:03 Wilbur wins a medal.
- 1:09:48 Charlotte lays her 514 eggs in a web nest. She tells Wilbur that she is dying, the natural cycle of life. She tells Wilbur it was her great pleasure to do what she has done for him. She said that he was the miracle; he made her look beautiful to all the other animals in the barn.
- 1:12:02 Wilbur tells Templeton to think of someone else rather than himself. Wilbur wants him to help carry Charlottes eggs back to the farm. Charlotte thanks

Templeton for everything.

1:14:06 Wilbur and Charlotte say goodbye.

1:15 :00 The final word she spins is "humble".

1:15:55 Wilbur is very sad knowing Charlotte is gone. She went on to live in the hearts of everyone. The people all seemed to have changed, the greatest promise was made, and a spring pig saw the winter snow, as if Charlotte had shaken it out of the sky. Life had come full circle and Charlotte's eggs hatched. Wilbur told the spider lings that he was a friend of their mother. They set forth. A few stayed behind. Wilbur was so pleased to be able to tell them about their mother and all the good things she said and did.

1:22:10 Templeton announced that he is not the rat he used to be.
Wilbur was surrounded by his friends because of the miracle of friendship.