

Use these questions to start a discussion with your child about *Charlotte's Web*.

- 1. If you were Charlotte, what would you have written in your web about Wilbur?
- 2. Why did Charlotte like Wilbur so much?
- 3. Is Templeton the rat a hero or a villain in the story? Why?
- 4. Do you think Charlotte's three daughters will write words in their webs too, like their mother did? What will they write?
- 5. Have you ever had a really close friendship with an animal?
- 6. What makes someone a good friend?
- 7. Do you eat meat? If so, do you ever think about the animals it came from? What do you think about vegetarianism? Do you think Fern is a vegetarian?
- 8. In the beginning of *Charlotte's Web*, Fern saves Wilbur from death. Would you have saved Wilbur too? Tell about a time when you stood up for someone smaller or weaker than yourself.
- 9. When everybody is at the county fair, Fern leaves Wilbur alone in his pen while she explores the sights (and food and rides). Why did she do this?
- 10. Are you planning to watch the movie, *Charlotte's Web*? What part of the book are you most looking forward to seeing?

