

## Charlotte's Web

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Fantasy

### **CURRICULUM FIT**

**Does this resource address the prescribed learning outcomes for this BC curriculum?**

Extensively

'Charlotte's Web' explores the themes of friendship, empathy and devotion. Teachers can integrate this novel into lessons on social responsibility or science. It is beautifully written and contains timeless characters that will deeply touch the reader. The theme of fulfilling the expectations of others – whether for good or bad – is clearly highlighted.

### **SUGGESTED CLASSROOM USAGE**

Literature circles, whole class, read aloud/ discussion, cross-curricular

### **SOCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**Do the social considerations support, rather than detract from, student learning?**

Extensively

**SOCIAL CONSIDERATIONS COMMENTS:**

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### **GENERAL CONTENT**

**CONTENT**

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**Is the content current for the intended curriculum and grade?**

Extensively

**Is the content accurate for the intended curriculum and grade?**

Extensively

## PERSPECTIVES:

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International

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## NOVEL

### AUDIENCE:

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**Is the language use appropriate to the emotional maturity and cognitive level of students?**

Extensively

**Is the content appropriate to the emotional maturity and cognitive level of students?**

Extensively

**Is the content of particular interest to male students?**

Extensively

**Is the content of particular interest to female students?**

Extensively

### LITERARY MERIT

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**Does the text show insight into the complexity of the human condition?**

Extensively

**Does the text broaden students' experiences and understanding?**

Extensively

**Does the text provide opportunities for creative and critical thinking?**

Extensively

**To what degree is this text stylistically rich?**

Extensively

## PLOT DESCRIPTION:

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## RELATED COMMENTS:

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The messages Charlotte weaves into her web delight and amaze members of the community. Although Wilbur is saved from the dinner plate, tragically Charlotte's life must come to its natural end. Wilbur carefully takes her egg sac and looks after her offspring for her.

## GENRE:

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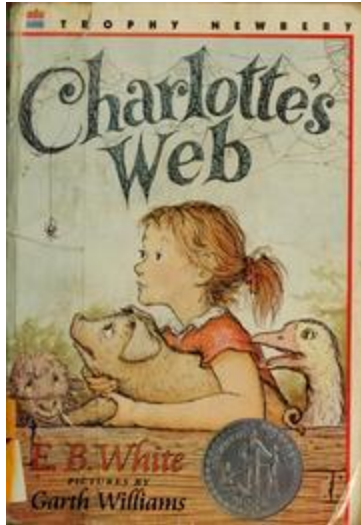
- Adventure
- Fantasy

## TYPE:

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Novel

## ADDITIONAL COMMENTS



**Author/Publisher/Website**

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**Recommended Grades & Subjects/Courses**

3-4

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English Language Arts

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