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COMPREHENSION

Chapters 9 - 12

Understanding What You Have Read

Answer these questions in complete sentences, unless otherwise indicated.

1. Charlotte considered Wilbur's pen an excellent place for her to live.
Why was this?
2. Charlotte gave Wilbur two reasons for his lack of ability in spinning a web.
What were these reasons?
3. Charlotte told Wilbur to follow her rules for a healthy life.
Make a list of these rules.
4. A farm is a good place for children to grow up.
What activities did Fern and Avery find to do on the farm?
5. What was Lurvey's reaction to the smell of the broken egg?
6. Lurvey was the first human to see the writing in Charlotte's web.
What did he do when he saw the writing?
7. Life on the farm changed considerably after Charlotte had written "*Some Pig*" in her web.
How did life change?
8. Charlotte called a meeting of all the farm animals.
What was the purpose of this meeting?

Thinking About What You Have Read

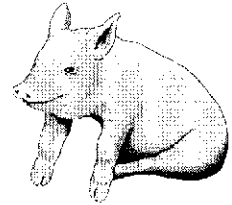
These answers require your personal opinion, therefore they cannot be right or wrong. However, you must give reasons to justify your opinion.

1. Charlotte compares her web with a suspension bridge.
Copy and complete the chart to show the similarities and differences between Charlotte's web and a suspension bridge.
You may have to do some research on the construction of a suspension bridge to do this.

	Charlotte's web	a suspension bridge
Similarities		
Differences		

2. The little lamb makes a cruel remark to Wilbur about the smell in his pig pen.
There is an old saying:
"Sticks and stones but may break my bones, but names will never hurt me."
Do you agree or disagree with this statement.
Give reasons for your answer.
3. Fern and Avery are very happy living on a farm.
Would you like to live on a farm. Why or why not?
4. Charlotte wove words into her web.
How might this save Wilbur's life?
Do you think it will work?

Elements of the Novel - 3



The Setting - this tells when and where the story happens.

Where does Charlotte's Web take place?

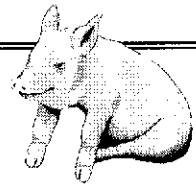
Write a paragraph describing the setting of Charlotte's Web.

Write a paragraph describing the place where you live.

How are they alike?

How are they different?

Elements of the Novel - 4



The Setting - this tells when and where the story happens.

When does Charlotte's Web take place?

Is this a difficult question to answer? Why?

Could it have happened a hundred years ago? Give reasons for your answer.

Could it take place now? Give reasons for your answer?

COMPREHENSION - Chapters 3, 4 & 5



Read each sentence carefully.

Decide if the statement is True or False.

Write the correct answer on the line after each statement.

The first one has been done for you.

1. Stuart disliked getting up in the morning. False
2. Special arrangements had to be made to allow Stuart to wash and brush his teeth. _____
3. George often forgot to finish things that he started. _____
4. Mrs. Little's cat was called Snowflake. _____
5. Snowbell did not like Stuart. _____
6. Stuart wanted to prove that he had strong stomach muscles. _____
7. Stuart was trapped inside the window shade. _____
8. Snowbell went to fetch help for Stuart. _____
9. Mrs. Little thought that Stuart had gone down the mouse hole. _____
10. George ripped up the floor in his efforts to find Stuart. _____
11. Everyone tried to find Stuart. _____
12. When Stuart tried to answer their calls no one could hear him. _____
13. George spent the morning hunting for Stuart. _____
14. The Little's had chicken for lunch. _____
15. George pulled down the shade and found Stuart. _____

ACTIVITIES - Chapters 3, 4 & 5



A. A *verb* is an action word.

Examples: brushed ate looked fell
Stuart brushed his teeth before he ate breakfast.
The boy looked down, then fell off the ladder.

- a) Make a list of fifteen verbs from these chapters of the novel.
 - b) Complete these sentences by inserting a verb in the blank.
 - i) Snowbell _____ her milk.
 - ii) Stuart _____ the ladder to reach the sink.
 - iii) George _____ carefully to the conversation.
 - iv) Stuart _____ to the ring of the window shade.
 - v) Snowbell _____ Stuart's hat by the mouse hole.
 - vi) Mrs. Little _____ because Stuart was lost.
 - vii) The Little's _____ everywhere for Stuart.
 - vii) George _____ that Stuart must be dead.
 - ix) Stuart _____ out of the window shade.
 - x) Stuart _____ glad to be rescued.
2. List all the special arrangements that had to be made so that Stuart could use the bathroom.
3. Snowbell played a mean trick on Stuart.
Write a conversation that might have taken place when Stuart and Snowbell met again.
What do you think Stuart would say to Snowbell?
What do you think Snowbell would say?
Your conversation should be about one page in length.
4. Work with a friend to dramatize the conversation you wrote for Activity 2.
Practice reading the conversation.
Make sure that your voices are as expressive as possible.
When you are satisfied with your presentation, perform it for your class.