

"Charlotte's Web":

1. **Character Friendship**: Wilbur and Charlotte form an unlikely friendship. What do you think draws them to each other?
2. **Templeton's Role**: How do you feel about Templeton the rat? Is he just selfish, or does he contribute something more to the story?
3. **Names and Identity**: Charlotte weaves words into her web to describe Wilbur. How important is a name or a label to our identity?
4. **Fear of Mortality**: Wilbur is very concerned about his own mortality. How does his attitude toward life and death change throughout the story?
5. **The Role of Humans**: What roles do Fern and the other human characters play in the story? Are they just background characters, or do they have a more significant role?
6. **Loyalty and Sacrifice**: Charlotte goes to great lengths to save Wilbur. Can you share a time when you went out of your way to help someone else, or someone went out of their way to help you?
7. **Nature's Cycles**: The story has strong themes about the natural cycle of life and death. How do you interpret the story's message about this cycle?
8. **Fern's Change**: Fern loved Wilbur but grew away from him. What do you think the author is trying to say about the changes we go through as we grow older?
9. **Life Lessons**: What moral or life lesson did you take away from "Charlotte's Web"?
10. **Memory and Legacy**: Charlotte leaves behind egg sacs that result in new spiders the next spring. How does the story address the idea of legacy and memory?

Feel free to adjust the questions to better suit the cognitive and emotional comfort levels of the seniors you're working with. Enjoy your discussion!