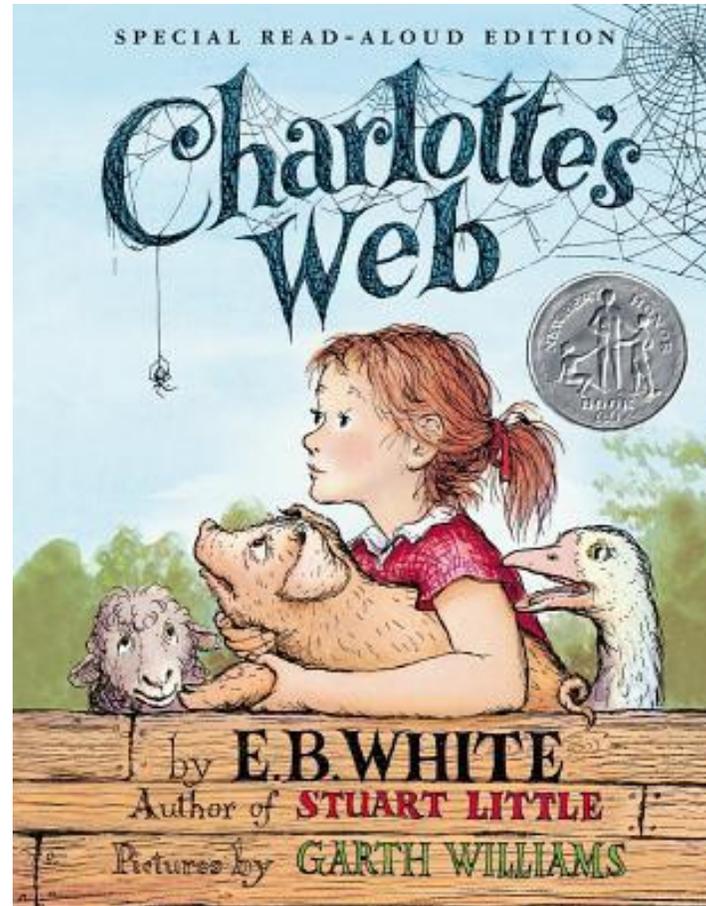


LI: To discuss a text

Discuss- Who do you think Charlotte is?  
Why do you think this?



# ***Chapter 1 - Before Breakfast***

Discuss what might happen before breakfast.

# 1. Before Breakfast

“Where’s Papa going with that axe?” said Fern to her mother as they were setting the table for breakfast.

“Out to the hog-house” replied Mrs Arable. “ Some pigs were born last night.”

“I don’t see why he needs an axe,” continued Fern, who was eight.

“Well,” said mother, “one of the pigs is a runt. It is very small and weak and will never amount to anything. So your father has decided to do away with it.”

“Do away with it?” shrieked Fern. “You mean kill it? Just because it is smaller than the others?”

# Discussion question ideas.....

What questions has the text made you think about? What would you like to find out?

What time of day is it? How do you know?

What is a runt?

What do you think 'do away with it means'? Why do you think this?

How does Fern feel about her father killing the pig?

Why might Fern be confused about the axe, at first?

What do you think father's job is? How do you know?

Why would the father not want to keep a pig that won't amount to anything? What do you think this means?

What does Fern's behaviour tell us about her character? Use some words to describe her.

Now please read to the end of the next page.

Why do the two words on page 8 '*controlling*' and '*me*' look different?

How did Ferns Dad feel about the runt at first? Did this change? How do you know ?

How does Fern's dad feel about her? Which word/words tells you the answer?

Which word in paragraph 4 mean unfair?

What is Fern's dad's name?