

Charlotte's Web
Literature Focus Unit By: Ashley Gregg

Theme

- Charlotte's Web is an amusing and emotional story about friendship. It will be used to study friendship, spiders, farm life, farm tools and machinery, and farm animals. It will allow students to engage in activities allowing them to discover the meaning of friendship and farm life, something they might not otherwise study.

Books

- Charlotte's Web, By E.B. White

Other Resources

- The movie, Charlotte's Web, (1973)
- Amazing Spiders, By Claudia Schnieper
- Eight Legs, By Dorothy M. Souza
- <http://www.learner.org/jnorth/tm/spring/SpiderKinds.html>

Indiana Academic Standards

English/Language Arts

- 4.2.1 Use the organization of information text to strengthen comprehension.
- 4.2.3 Make and confirm predictions about text by using prior knowledge and ideas presented in the text itself, including illustrations, titles, topic sentences, important words, foreshadowing clues and direct quotations.
- 4.3.2 Identify the main events of the plot, including their causes and the effects of each event on future actions, and the major theme from the story action.
- 4.4.6 Locate information in reference texts by using organizational features, such as prefaces and appendixes.
- 4.4.7 Use multiple reference materials and online information (the Internet) as aids to writing.
- 4.5.2 Write responses to literature that demonstrate an understanding of a literary work and support judgments through references to both the text and prior knowledge.
- 4.5.6 Write for different purposes (information, persuasion) and to a specific audience or person.
- 4.7.1 Ask thoughtful questions and respond orally to relevant questions with appropriate elaboration.

Mathematics

- 4.2.9 Add and subtract decimals (to hundredths), using objects or pictures.

Objectives

- I want my students to gain appreciation for farm life.