



Charlotte's Web

fun activities

Dear Diary

In addition to the animals, there was another witness to the goings on in the barn cellar. Fern considered herself part of the group of animal friends that included Wilbur, the sheep, the lambs, the goose, the gander, the goslings, Charlotte and even Templeton. From her seat on the stool in the corner of the barn she could watch all that happened, and more importantly, hear it too.

Why not take a look at the events of *Charlotte's Web* from a human perspective. Pretend that you are Fern and record your thoughts in a diary. Include your feelings and observations about all that has occurred. You may even want to include conversations and events that Fern observed but the animals may not have been aware of like those between herself and other people.

Write at least six diary entries in order of how things happened in the book. You can even take it a step further by illustrating your diary with pictures and drawings of Fern and all her friends.

After you've finished your diary, take turns presenting your entries to your class. Discuss how Fern's perspective was different than that of her animal friends. Why did she love spending so much time with the animals? Why do you think she could hear what they said when the adults could not? How does the story change when you look at it from Fern's point of view?

This activity meets Sunshine State Standard(s): LAFS.3.RI.2.6, LAFS.3.RL.1.1, LAFS.3.RL.1.3, LAFS.3.RL.4.10, LAFS.3.W.13 and LAFS.3.W.2.5.

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