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3rd Grade English Language Arts
Unit 5 - The Power of Friendship: Charlotte's Web

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For a moment Charlotte said nothing. Then she spoke in a voice so low Wilbur could hardly hear the words. "I will not be going back to the barn," she said. Wilbur leapt to his feet. "Not going back?" he cried. "Charlotte, what are you talking about?"

"I'm done for," she replied. "In a day or two I'll be dead. I haven't enough strength to climb down into the crate. I doubt if I have enough silk to spin in my spinnerets to lower me to the ground."


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Unit 6 - Claiming Our Place: LGBTQ+ Experiences in the United States

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Then he turned back to Sasha. "That's because of your parents, you know. Remember this: all your life you're going to want your parents off your back. Then you realize when you get older, they're the only ones that had your back."

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