Plot Summary Charlotte's Web

ACT 1

Summary	Sensory Cues
Scene: An open space on the farm Piglets were born during the night.	Sounds of farm animals
One of the piglets begins to explore his new home on the farm.	Piglets squealing Rooster crowing
Scene: Offstage Mrs. Arable tells Fern one of the pigs was born a runt and Mr. Arable is going to kill him. Fern goes to stop him.	© Fern and Mrs. Arable talking
Scene: Morning on the farm	
Fern argues with her dad to save the piglet. Fern's father agrees to allow Fern to take care of the piglet for now.	
Fern officially gives the piglet a name: Wilbur.	
Fern continues to take care of Wilbur and he grows each day.	Bus horn
Now that Wilbur is big, Mr. Arable wants to sell him. Fern does not want him to. Mrs. Arable suggests they ask Uncle Homer if Wilbur can live at his farm nearby. Mr. Arable agrees.	
Scene: Mr. Homer Zuckerman's farm Homer Zuckerman, his wife Edith, and hired hand Lurvy talk about where they will keep Wilbur. Ferns drops off Wilbur at his new home.	
Wilbur meets the other farm animals. They seem to know why Wilbur is there, but Wilbur does not understand. Wilbur then goes to sleep. A spider enters the scene and tells him to rest.	Animal sounds
Wilbur talks about his plans for the day. He also talks about feeling lonely and missing Fern. Lurvy brings Wilbur food. Wilbur doesn't want to eat because he is sad. Lurvy and Mr. Zuckerman think he is sick and give him medicine. Charlotte and Wilbur officially meet, and she says she'll be Wilbur's friend.	Thunder and rain Lurvy and Homer hollering
Wilbur and Charlotte's friendship grows. Fern comes to visit, and the geese talk about their new goslings.	Sounds of birds and clapping

Wilbur learns from the animals that Homer and Edith are fattening Wilbur up to kill him for meat. Charlotte says she will save Wilbur.

Avery comes into the barn and sees Charlotte. Avery tries to capture her, but Fern stops him.

As Wilbur sleeps, Charlotte comes up with a plan to save Wilbur. Charlotte weaves her web to say, "Some Pig".

Wilbur wakes up from a bad dream. While bringing Wilbur breakfast, Lurvy sees the web and calls for Mr. Zuckerman. Wilbur does not see the web and is worried they are coming to kill him, so he escapes.

The animals tackle Wilbur and the humans see the web. Mr. Zuckerman calls it a miracle!

News about Wilbur and Charlotte's web spreads throughout the county. Charlotte weaves the next word: "Terrific".

Lurvy, Mr. Zuckerman, and Fern see the new word. They call a reporter from the newspaper.

The animals talk about Wilbur's new fame. They decide the next work will be "Radiant".

Lurvy tells Wilbur that Mr. Zuckerman is thinking about taking Wilbur to the county fair. The animals hid Charlotte as she weaves the new word.

The reporter and photographer arrive to see Wilbur. Then everyone sees the new word.

Mr. Zuckerman says if Wilbur wins the blue ribbon at the fair he will live. Charlotte decides she will take the risk and go to the fair with Wilbur.

Music as Charlotte weaves

Animal noises and commotion

(7) Crashing sounds

Music as
Charlotte weaves

Durvy rattling a bucket and Homer yelling

Music as
Charlotte weaves

© Commotion as Wilbur faints and then as Homer announces they are going to the fair

ACT 2 Summary	Sensory Cues
Scene: Wilbur's pen in the livestock area of the fair	Section Fair noises
Fern, Avery, and the adults enter. Everyone is getting Wilbur settled in his pen.	Announcements about the fair
Fern and Avery go off to explore the fair. The adults then leave to explore the fair as well.	The adults yelling to be careful
Charlotte asks Templeton to bring her a new word for the web.	
Charlotte meets another pig in the competition. He is much bigger than Wilbur. Wilbur is worried about the competition.	
Spectators come to see Wilbur.	
Templeton brings Charlotte a new word: "Humble". Charlotte says this will be her last word.	
Lurvy and Fern win prizes at the fair. Everyone tells Wilbur to get some sleep before the contest tomorrow.	Fireworks Firework lights
Charlotte begins weaving her last word and tells Wilbur she has one more job for the night laying her eggs.	Weaving music
Charlotte then collapses and falls asleep.	
The judges arrive early in the morning to view the pigs.	Music
Wilbur wakes up and sees the new word "Humble". He also sees the egg sac.	
Charlotte tells Wilbur she doesn't feel well and is sad she will not meet her children when they hatch in the spring.	
Templeton arrives at the pen and tells Wilbur that Uncle the pig won the blue ribbon.	
Wilbur gains courage and decides a good life is better than a long one. He says he is going to stop worrying about his future.	
All the humans arrive to see the new word and are sad that Wilbur did not win the blue ribbon.	(5) Homer crying

Mr. Zuckerman says they still need to get Wilbur ready for the day because people will still want to see him.

The announcer asks everyone to come to the livestock area because the judges have a special award to give out. They then announce it is for Mr. Zuckerman's pig.

A crowd arrives and the announcer at the ceremony gives a speech. The governors of the fair award Wilbur and Mr. Zuckerman a special prize.

Wilbur faints because of the excitement. Templeton pokes his tail to wake him back up.

The awards are given out.

Avery runs back in and tosses water on Homer by accident.

All the humans congratulate Wilbur and decide to go off and explore the fair one more time before the trip home.

Wilbur asks Charlotte if she is okay. She says that she is tired but happy because Wilbur is now safe. Charlotte tells Wilbur she will not be coming home to the farm because she is dying.

Wilbur asks Templeton to help him bring Charlotte's egg sack home.

Lurvy, Homer, and Mr. Arable clean up the pen and take Wilbur to the truck. Wilbur says goodbye to Charlotte.

Charlotte goes back to her web and does not move; she dies the next day.

Scene: Zuckerman's Farm

Back at the farm, Wilbur guards Charlotte's eggs throughout the fall and winter.

As spring begins all the animals gather. Wilbur announces the eggs have hatched. Wilbur is sad to see all the spiders leaving.

Three spiders announce that they will be staying.

Wilbur asks Templeton to hang his medal up where Charlotte's web used to be.

DLoudspeaker announcement

© Commotion as Wilbur faints

© Clapping and cheers

Wilbur shouting that the eggs hatched Baby spider lights

Wilbur dedicates the medal to Charlotte, saying they will never forget her and their friendship.	
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Wilbur says he will love Charlotte's children and grandchildren, but	
Charlotte will always be special to him because of their friendship.	
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