

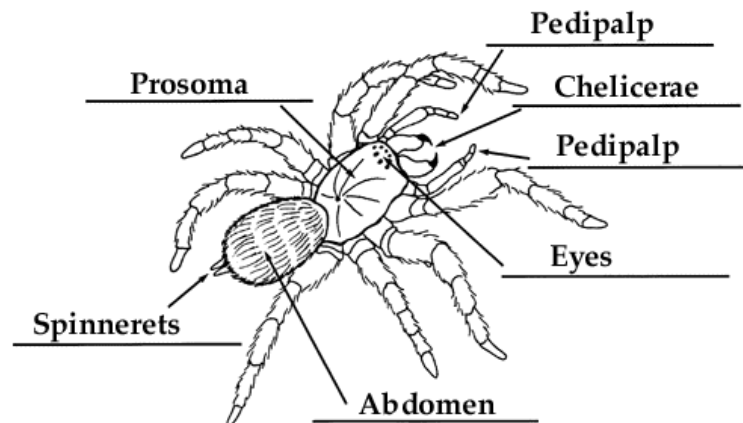
## 2. Pre-Reading Activities

### a. Spiders and Their Webs



### Do You Know the Parts of a Spider?

#### *Spider Parts: Answers*



#### *An Invitation to Explore Further:*

1. Have you watched a spider spinning its web? (Watch on the internet if you are curious.)
2. What spiders do you see in your own backyard?

## b. Farmyard Animals

How many farmyard animals have you seen in person? Make a list of these animals and as you read, check off how many of these animals were included in Charlotte's Web. Here's a table to help you get started.

<b>Farmyard Animals I've Seen</b>	<b>Included in book</b>
_____	_____
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Do you think that animals communicate with each other? Do you find that you speak with animals and feel they understand you? Write your answers in your journal.

## c. Using Your Imagination

Before starting to read a book, it's fun to look at the illustration on the cover and imagine what a book is about. Why is the little girl looking at the spider and holding a pig? How old do you think the little girl is? Where do you think she lives?

These types of questions help the book come alive. You may want to ask what will happen next at the end of each chapter. It will be fun to see if you can guess what the author will write and consider what you would have written if you were writing the story.

### *An Invitation to Explore Further:*

1. Write a short story about an animal – will the animal “talk” in your story?
2. Choose a favorite book. What kind of picture would you draw for its cover?