

If Charlotte Stayed Answer Key

(Sample Response)

If Charlotte had lived longer, Wilbur would have brought her home from the fair along with her egg sac. The other animals would be relieved to still have her wisdom in the barn. Charlotte would continue weaving words, but instead of saving Wilbur's life, her messages would inspire people to see all animals as important. Wilbur would feel happier knowing his best friend was still beside him, and he would share every day with her gratefully. The story's ending would feel more joyful, teaching readers that true friendship can continue to grow and guide us through life.

Teacher's Guide:

You may give students these prompts to help in their writing:

1. How would Charlotte's life continue in the barn?
2. How would her friendship with Wilbur grow?
3. Would Templeton or Fern act differently?
4. How would the story's final message change?

Writing Frame (to help organize their writing)

- **Opening:** Describe what happens right after the fair.
- **Middle:** Show how Charlotte's survival affects Wilbur and the others.
- **Ending:** Conclude with a final moment that wraps up the story in your new version.

Note to Teacher: This alternate-ending activity lets students practice **creative rewriting, character consistency, and theme analysis** while comparing their version with the original.