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Stories That Connect

Directions: Read both excerpts carefully. Each one explores the theme of **friendship during hard times**. Answer the reflection questions in **complete sentences** with clear explanations.

Excerpt A: *Charlotte's Web* (E. B. White, adapted)

"Wilbur trembled when he heard that he might be killed for food. Charlotte spoke gently from her web, promising she would find a way to save him. Her calm words gave Wilbur comfort, even as fear weighed heavily on his heart."

Excerpt B: *Wonder* (R. J. Palacio, adapted)

"On the first day of school, Auggie felt every eye staring at his face. Just as the whispers began, Summer sat down at his lunch table. Her quiet decision to be his friend made the room feel less cold, and Auggie found the courage to stay."

1. What is **similar** about how Charlotte and Summer act as friends?

2. How does each friend give **courage** to Wilbur or Auggie?

3. Why might it be important for readers to connect these stories to their **own lives**?