TALK ABOUT TEXTS

Famous Writers



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Say

'Let's read the contents page together.'

Read

Read the contents page together with the students.

Check Understanding

- On which page will you find the index?
- Which author will you read about on page 12?

Talk

What question do you have after reading the contents page?

One **question** I have is _____.

What information would help you answer this question?

The **information** that would help me **answer** this **question** is _____.

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Famous Writers

Let's explore the life and work of four famous writers. These writers have created characters and stories that make us laugh and cry. Some of their stories might even scare us. But they all inspire us with the magic of their words.



Books have the power to take us to other worlds in our imaginations.

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Say

'Read page 3 silently. Don't forget to look at the photograph and read the caption.'

Read

Ask students to read page 3 silently.

Check Understanding

- What is explored in this book?
- What have the famous writers done that make us laugh and cry?
- What will all the writers do?
- What is another word for 'created'?
- What does 'inspire' mean?

Talk

What question is answered on this page?

The **question** that is **answered** is _____.

What information helped you answer this question?

The **information** that helped me was _____.

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Say

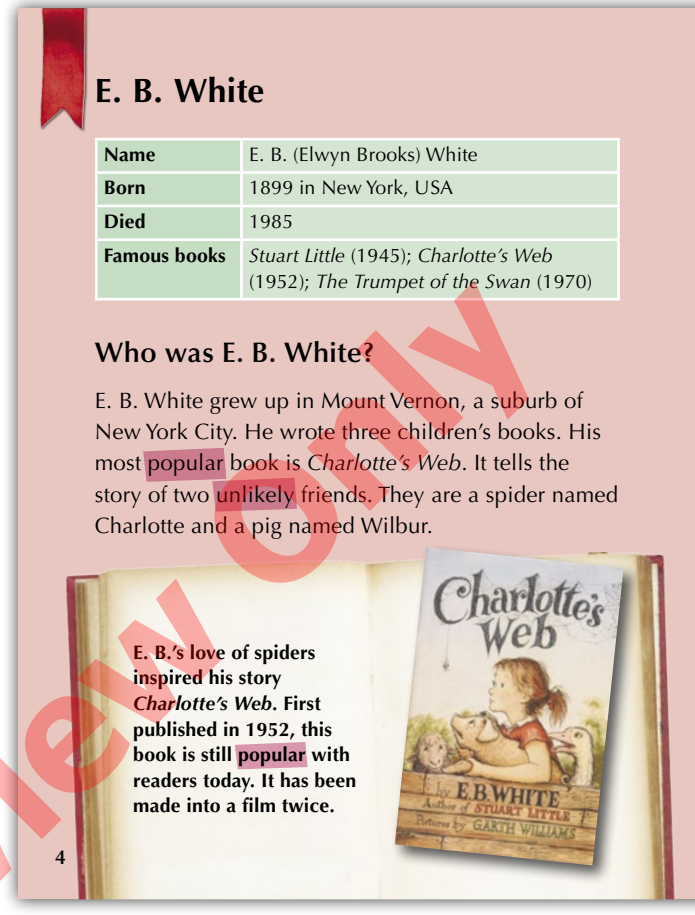
'I will read pages 4 and 5 to you.'

Read

Read pages 4–5 to the students.

Check Understanding

- When was E. B. White born?
- How many children's books did he write?
- What inspired *Charlotte's Web*?
- What does 'popular' mean? Can you use it in your own sentence?
- What does the word 'unlikely' mean?
- What is the opposite of 'shy'?



E. B. White

Name	E. B. (Elwyn Brooks) White
Born	1899 in New York, USA
Died	1985
Famous books	*Stuart Little* (1945); *Charlotte's Web* (1952); *The Trumpet of the Swan* (1970)

Who was E. B. White?

E. B. White grew up in Mount Vernon, a suburb of New York City. He wrote three children's books. His most popular book is *Charlotte's Web*. It tells the story of two unlikely friends. They are a spider named Charlotte and a pig named Wilbur.

E. B.'s love of spiders inspired his story *Charlotte's Web*. First published in 1952, this book is still popular with readers today. It has been made into a film twice.

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White wrote about what it means to be friends. Today, children still love to read his books. The books have also been made into successful movies.

"You have been my friend," replied Charlotte.
"That in itself is a tremendous thing."
— E. B. White, *Charlotte's Web*



Families have been reading E. B. White's books together for more than 60 years.

Talk

What is a question you would like to ask about E.B. White?

A **question** I would like to **ask** about E.B. White is _____.

Can you ask a 'what' question about the story Stuart Little? What is the answer to your question?

What _____?
The **answer** to this **question** is _____.

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