

A hero, in my opinion, is a person of great courage and fine qualities such as bravery and selflessness. An example of a hero is a teacher, for educating young children so they can get along in life when they grow up. Doctors the New York Police Department and the New York Fire Department, and the US Army Troops are also examples of heroes. They all save millions of lives each and every day! They are a major part of society. They protect all the citizens of the United States of America. These are some every-day heroes/heroines in our daily lives. Where would we be without them?

Personally, I think that there are three heroes in Charlotte's Web. Charlotte, Fern and Templeton. They are each are heroes but for very different reasons. Fern is a hero for saving Wilbur from being slaughtered when he was just a runt by convincing her father that it was unjust to slaughter him. Charlotte kept Wilbur alive through winter by spinning words in her many webs that were put-ups about Wilbur to impress Mr. Zuckerman so that he wouldn't slaughter Wilbur. Another hero, though rude and tiny, was Templeton, the rat! Although a rat is not my first idea of a hero, Templeton *did* scare Fern's brother, Avery away from knocking Charlotte off her web. The rotten egg he kept, smashed and smelled so badly he ran away. Templeton also collected words from magazines, to help inspire Charlotte's ideas for the web. Templeton was also a hero when he removed Charlotte's egg sac for Wilbur to carry back with him to the farm after she had died. The heroes/heroines in Charlotte's Web are really there for Wilbur just like the heroes in our lives are there for us. -HL

