Charlotte's Web

Guided Reading Questions and Activities Answers

Chapter 1 and 2

(AF2) What does Fern's kitchen smell like?

Fern's kitchen smelt of coffee, bacon, damp plaster and wood smoke from the stove.

(AF3) Why does Fern blush at the end of Chapter 1?

Fern blushes at the end of Chapter 1 because she was dreaming about Wilbur when her teacher asked her a question and she answered incorrectly by saying his name and everyone laughed at her.

(AF4) How does the first sentence help to guide the reader?

The first sentence tells the reader straight away that Fern's father is about to do something unpleasant and that Fern is curious about what it is. This also makes the reader curious and want to read on.

(AF5) What does the word 'enchanted' suggest about Fern's feelings?

The word 'enchanted' suggests that Fern is delightfully happy as if she is under a spell.

(AF6) How would you describe Fern's attitude towards Wilbur?

Fern loves Wilbur. She treats him like her own child because she feeds him, carries and pushes him around in her pram and worries about him just like a mother would do.

(AF7) Where and when do you think this story is set?

I think that the story is set in America because Wilbur is going to be sold in dollars which is the American currency. I think that it is set around 50 years ago because 6 dollars is very cheap for a living creature; today it would cost a lot more.