Sequencing from Charlotte’s Web

Essential Questions
- What is summarizing?
- What are key details?
- How to use critical thinking when reading to summarize?

Learning Intention / Overview
This activity will allow students to think about the order of events in Charlotte’s Web. As students recall, specific actions that were performed by the characters, they are practicing the important reading skill known as sequencing. Undoubtedly, knowing the order in which events happen is a key skill in reading comprehension.

Methods / Teaching Strategies
- Group Reading and Discussion
- Individual Task

Assessment of Learning
- Sequencing Sheet (provided)

How might you customize or alter this lesson?

Online Resources:
- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iPaYfwL0w84](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iPaYfwL0w84)
This lesson will work well once students have read the entire book. Consider having students work in pairs or small groups to recall the sequencing of events that occurred throughout E. B. White’s *Charlotte’s Web*.

Distribute the sequencing sheets and review with students what sequencing is. Consider giving the example of how their day is divided into different sections or events that require them to perform various actions.
Directions: Read each statement provided. Decide what part of the book that the detail provided occurred in. If you think that the detail was the first one on the list, place a 1 beside it. If you think it was the last event to occur on the list, place an 8 beside it.

__________ Templeton snatches part of a piece of paper to return to Charlotte, who then weaves “HUMBLE”.

__________ Wilbur is loaded onto the truck.

__________ The Arables arrive at the fair.

__________ Papa announces that he is selling Wilbur.

__________ Fern spends all of her free time after school with Wilbur.

__________ Charlotte weaves “TERRIFIC”.

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3  Wilbur escapes in the rain.

4  Wilbur meets Charlotte.