

# Flowers for Algernon

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# Discussion Questions

1. What do the test results reveal about Charlie's ability and his personality?
2. Who are Dr. Strauss and Dr. Nemur
3. Who is Miss Kinnian?
4. Who is Algernon?

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1. Based on Charlie's report, what do you think he was supposed to do on the Rorschach test?
2. Based on the first few progress reports, what do we know about Charlie's personality?

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3. Does Charlie fully understand that the change may be temporary?

4. Why is Charlie excited about being in the experiment?

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5. Why does Charlie think the word *motor-vation* means “cheese”?
6. Why does the doctor want Charlie to write more about what he feels and thinks?

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7. When Charlie writes, “These inkblots are stupid,” what change do you see in his thinking?

8. How is Charlie’s view of the mouse changing?

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9. Why do the other factory workers make fun of Charlie?

10. What makes you think that Charlie believes he is liked?

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11. What is the device that Dr. Strauss gives Charlie? What does it do?

12. In what ways do Charlie's progress reports show that he is getting smarter?



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13. Why can't Charlie understand the tape he plays every night?

14. The factory workers continue to play tricks on Charlie. What do they do?

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15. Does Charlie think its fair to make Algernon “perform” for his food?

16. Did Miss Kinnian really get something in her eye? What else might explain her sudden exit?

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17. What does Miss Kinnian mean by saying that a person could lose a lot of money if a comma is not in the right place?

18. What changes do you see in the way Charlie writes now?

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19. What figures of speech do you notice Charlie is beginning to use?

20. What does it mean for Charlie to be ashamed?

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21. Charlie thinks getting smart will solve all of his problems. Do you think he is right? Why?
22. What is ironic about Charlie's question regarding taking the Rorschach test with Dr. Nemur?

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23. Why do Joe Carp and Frank Reilly refuse to go to lunch with Charlie to celebrate his bonus?

24. What are Dr. Strauss and Dr. Nemur arguing about?

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25. Why do you think Charlie is trembling after he hears Dr. Strauss and Dr. Nemur arguing?

26. What does Miss Kinnian hope?

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27. Is seeking knowledge always a good thing?

28. What kinds of things drive wedges between people? What do your answers tell you about human nature?