

# Flowers for Algernon—Part Two

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1. Are smart people only concerned with their own personal interests? How does this relate to Charlie?
2. What is ironic about Dr. Strauss' reminder?

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3. Is Charlie's statement that "no one is what he appears to be on the surface" valid? Why?

4. Have you noticed that your opinions about people/things change as you grow older? What causes the changes?

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5. In what ways can the man in the restaurant be compared to Charlie before surgery?

6. Why is Charlie's outburst (page 65) important to the story?

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7. Why does Charlie's understanding of himself cause him to choose his new career?

8. In Progress Report 13, what does the change in Algernon's behavior suggest will happen?

Predict what will happen next.

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8. Why do the doctors not want Charlie to come to the lab anymore?

9. Why has time become important for Charlie?

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10. What are the connotations of the names *Charles* and *Charlie*?

11. Why does Charlie feel he must not become emotional?

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12. Why does Charlie cry when Algernon dies?

13. What changes do you notice in Charlie between June 15 and June 30?



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16. How can Charlie be helped once his abilities begin to decline?

17. What does Charlie mean when he says, “Algernon was special”? What makes both of them special?

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18. In Charlie's July 24 entry, why is laughter different from before?

19. Why are the factory workers nice to Charlie and protective of him when he returns?

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20. Are people more willing to be nice when they feel smarter or stronger than someone? Explain.

21. When Charlie returns to Miss Kinnian's class by mistake, why does Miss Kinnian start crying and run out?

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22. How do you know that Charlie has lost all he has gained?

23. How is Charlie changed from before?

24. What does this story suggest about the power of knowledge?