

# Argumentative Essay: "Flowers for Algernon"

★ For this essay, you will choose a theme from the list below. Write a multi-paragraph argumentative essay addressing your interpretation of the theme, using the questions for guidance. Incorporate well-chosen, compelling evidence from multiple texts to support your views on your chosen topic. Reflect on the story "Flowers for Algernon" and your personal experience to convince readers that you are right. Remember to give credit for any ideas that you adapt or use in your writing that are not your own. (cite!)

## INTELLIGENCE:

How is intelligence measured? How should it be measured? Do we place too much importance on it in our society? Is there such a thing as too much intelligence? When is enough, enough? Can we have both genius and happiness?

## TALENT vs. HARD WORK:

Is talent worth more than hard work? Is hard work more important than talent? Is talent worthwhile when it is given, or does it mean more when we earn what we have? Can enough hard work beat out talent? Can one survive without the other?





