

Part 1: Review Questions

1. Progress Report 1-March 5: When Charlie first begins writing his progress reports in his journal, how does he spell his words?
2. Progress Report 2-March 6: What is someone supposed to do on the Rorschach (raw shok) test? What did Charlie see?
3. Progress Report 2-March 6: Even the early progress reports show Charlie's personality. What is he like?
4. Progress Report 4-March 8: Why is Charlie excited about being in the experiment?
5. Progress Report 4-March 8: Why does Charlie think that the word *motor-vation* means "cheese"?
6. Progress Report 5-March 10: Do you think it would be good for doctors to make everybody "smart all over the world"? Explain.
7. Progress Report 6-March 15: Why does the doctor want Charlie to write more about what he feels and thinks?
8. Progress Report 7-March 19: When Charlie writes, "These inkblots are stupid," what change do you see in his thinking?
9. Progress Report 8-March 23: What makes you think that Charlie believes he is liked?
10. Progress Report 8-March 23: How is Charlie's view of the mouse changing?

11. Progress Report 8-March 23: What is this device that Dr. Strauss gives Charlie? What does it do?
12. Progress Report 8-March 23: In what ways do Charlie's progress reports show that he is getting smarter?
13. Progress Report 9-April 3: Why can't Charlie understand the tape he plays every night?
14. Progress Report 9-April 3: The factory workers continue to play tricks on Charlie. What do they do?
15. Progress Report 10-April 14: Charlie asks "Why"? for the first time. What does this show about his progress?
16. Progress Report 10-April 18: What does it mean for Charlie to be ashamed?
17. Progress Report 11: "People think it's funny when a dumb person can't do things the same way they can." Do you agree with Charlie's statement? Do people sometimes laugh at inappropriate times? If so, why does this happen?
18. Progress Report 11: Charlie thinks that getting smart will solve all his problems. Do you think he is right? Explain.
19. Progress Report 11: "Dr. Nemur says I have to take a *Rorschach Test* tomorrow. I wonder what *that* is." What is ironic about Charlie's question?
20. Progress Report 11-April 25: Why do Joe Carp and Frank Reilly refuse to go to lunch with Charlie to celebrate his bonus?

21. Progress Report 11-April 27: What are Dr. Strauss and Dr. Nemur arguing about?
22. Progress Report 11-April 28: What does Miss Kinnian hope?
23. Progress Report 12: What kinds of things drive wedges between people? What do your answers tell you about human nature?
24. Review: What is the operation meant to do for Charlie?
25. Review: Why does Dr. Strauss think Charlie would be a good subject for the experiment?
26. Review: Who is Algernon? What happens when Charlie first races Algernon?
27. Review: What are some signs that Charlie is changing after the operation?
28. Review: How do Charlie's comments about Robinson Crusoe foreshadow, or hint at, what will happen to Charlie himself?
29. Review: Why do almost all the workers in the factory sign the petition to have Charlie fired?

Part II: Review Questions

1. Progress Report 12-May 15: “Dr. Strauss continually reminds me of the need to speak and write simply so that people will be able to understand me.” What is ironic about Dr. Strauss’s reminder?
2. Progress Report 12-May 20: In what ways can the boy in the restaurant be compared to Charlie before the operation?
3. Progress Report 12-May 20 (paragraph “Suddenly, I was ...”): Why is Charlie’s outburst important to the story?
4. Progress Report 12-May 20 (paragraph “This day was...”): Why does Charlie’s understanding of himself cause him to decide to work in the field of increasing human intelligence levels?
5. Progress Report 13-May 23: What does the change in Algernon’s behavior suggest what will happen?
6. Progress Report 13-May 25: Why do the doctors not want Charlie to come to the lab anymore?
7. Progress Report 13-May 25: Why has time become important for Charlie?
8. Progress Report 13-June 5: Why does Charlie feel that he must not become emotional?
9. Progress Report 13-June 10: Charlie grieves when Algernon dies, by why else might he be crying?
10. Progress Report 13: List the stages of Charlie’s changes from June 15 through June 30.

11. Progress Report 13-July 27: Why are the factory workers nice to Charlie and protective of him when he returns?
12. Progress Report 13-July 28: Why does Miss Kinnian start crying and run out of the room when Charlie returns to her class by mistake?
13. Progress Report 13-July 28: How has Charlie changed from before?
14. Review: At the beginning of Part 2, what conflicts is Charlie having with the doctors? with Himself?
15. Review: How does Charlie react when the boy in the diner drops the dishes?
16. Review: What does Charlie research reveal about the results of the experiment?
17. Review: List several signs of Charlie's mental decline.
18. Review: At the end of the story, why does Charlie decide to leave New York?
19. Review: What does Charlie want most when we first meet him?
20. Review: What does Charlie want most after he becomes intelligent?
21. Review: What does Charlie want most after his intelligence declines?