

Evidence Chart

Thesis statement: While Charlie is experiencing new emotions, the surgery doesn't change Charlie that much because he is still the same person who is eager to learn and become smart.

Text Title	Evidence (quotation or paraphrase)	How does this evidence support or oppose your claim?
"Flowers for Algernon"	"I want to be smart" (March 5).	Charlie wants to be smart, and the surgery increase his intelligence so he can become smart. Charlie gets what he wants.
"Flowers for Algernon"	When Charlie realizes people make fun of him, he says, "Now I know what it means when they say 'to pull a Charlie Gordon.' I'm ashamed" (April 20).	Even though is it painful for Charlie to learn that his friends aren't really friends at all, Charlie has more knowledge about people around him than he did before. It is better that he knows rather than continuing to go on being a fool and made fun of.
"Flowers for Algernon"	Miss Kinnian says, "You're coming along fast, Charlie." Charlie says, "That made me feel good" (April 18).	Charlie is pleased with his progress and feels good about the surgery. He is able to see how much he is learning by looking at his progress reports and he is able to continue learning from Miss Kinnian, which he likes. So, things are working out well for Charlie.

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Thesis statement: Before the surgery Charlie is a happy and likeable person and after the surgery Charlie experiences the opposite emotions.

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"Flowers for Algernon"	<p>"Miss Kinnian rekemmeded me the best from all the people who she was teaching" (March 8).</p> <p>Dr. Strauss also says that Charlie has "intenss motor- vation" (March 8).</p>	Charlie is a good person at the beginning of the text. He tries really hard.
"Flowers for Algernon"	<p>"Im glad Im going back to work because I miss my job and all my frends and all the fun we have there" (March 23).</p> <p>Miss Kinnian says, "You're coming along fast, Charlie."</p> <p>Charlie says, "That made me feel good" (April 18).</p> <p>When Charlie realizes people make fun of him, he says, "Now I know what it means when they say 'to pull a Charlie Gordon.' I'm ashamed" (April 20).</p>	Even though Charlie is pleased with his progress and feels good about the surgery, when he learns that others keep him around to make fun of him, Charlie becomes ashamed. The surgery opens his eyes to how others view him, which upsets him. He would better off if he just didn't know. What's the point of experiencing that pain? This knowledge also makes Charlie unmotivated, which is a big change from the beginning of the text.
"Flowers for Algernon"	<p>"Its called Robinson Crusoe about a man who gets merooned on a dessert Iland. Only I feel sorry because hes all alone and has no frends. I hope he gets a frend and not be lonely."</p>	Charlie feels sorry for Robinson Crusoe. Charlie doesn't get that he is lonely just like Robinson with no friends. The only people Charlie counts as friends are Joe and Frank, who aren't really his friends. Charlie cares about this character, which shows he is a good person. The surgery ruins that by making him sad.