

FFA Essay

Unintelligence is the quality of being dumb. An fictional short story called “Flowers for Algernon”, written by Daniel Keys where it talks about a character named Charlie Gordon who has Algernon is recommended by his teacher Mrs. Kinnian, to be used in a surgery. Which then he took an operation to become intelligent but once again Algernon hits him and he became dumb again. The story “Flowers for Algernon” is a explored in three ways which are how people define an IQ in different ways, how the character’s reacted to the theme how charlie changed after the operation, and how they expressed them self threw out the story. My theme is change it takes place in story due to the the gain of smartness Charlie receives.

First, reason is how people define I.Q in many ways. There are many ways to define a I.Q for example, the author states “I.Q didn’t weigh intelligence, rather it was a measure of how smart one can get.” My substitutes of an I.Q is to reach the limit of your intelligence on how a person can do it’s best to reach to the top and be the best. It can be defined in many it’s up to the person on how they are teached or how they learn. In the words of Dr. Nemur “something that measured how smart you were similar to a scale weight”. How do you see an I.Q and define it.

Next, reason is how charlie changes into like a whole different person . As noted in page 290, charlie wanted to be smart like his so called “friends” Joe & Frank. Based on how Charlie Gordon changed threw out the story he became different after the operation. He was getting smarter little by little. For instance in page 291 as Miss Kinnian points out, “I’m learning fast”. It’s like Charlie playing to different characters because before the operation he would be struggling to succeed but after he has intelligence and understands more than before. This relates

to the theme because he later gets an operation done by Dr. Strauss and Dr. Nemur, he gets smarter changes perspectives.

Then, my third reason is how Charlie Gordon expressed himself threw out the story. How charlie first had Algernon but then fought for his intelligence and become smart. Noted on page 291 "It's a thing like a lock on a door that changes every time Algernon goes in to eat so he has to learn something new to get his food". Charlie changes his perspectives after he has been operated on because he has more knowledge. Evidence stated that, where one of the doctors asked him why do you want to receive the surgery, and he respond that he's been dumb his whole life and he just wants to be smart. Charlie changed threw the story because he expresses himself by showing of his intelligence when he has the opportunity to.

Finally, the three reasons how the story is explored are the people define IQ in different ways, how the character's reacted or explored the theme, and how charlie fought for his intelligence. This theme is important because many people abuse their intelligence while other people struggle with intelligence. Charlie knew he was going to lose his intelligence after Charlie had researched about Algernon he knew it was going to happen to him to. Take advantage on your skills and smartness because their are some people who want to learn but don't have the ability to because of mental disability.