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### Flowers for algernon

Charlie Gordon is a 37-year-old mentally ill man who has yet to understand the world. The story, "Flowers for Algernon" is a fiction short story written by Daniel Keyes. Charlie undergoes risks and does what it takes to increase his IQ. Algernon is a mouse who also undergoes many operations as an experiment to show if it is possible to increase a person's IQ. To do this Charlie and Algernon face and conquers many things throughout the story. In this fiction short story Charlie goes through conflict after the operation, Charlie has many changes after the surgeries when he begins to learn new things , and goes through an exploration throughout the story from being mentally ill to increasing his IQ.

To start off, conflict is explored in this story when algernon dies. In the text it states, "I guess the same thing is or will soon be happening to me. Now that it's definite, i don't want it to happen"(302). This proves that Charlie thinks this will soon be happening to him. This can relate to multiple perspectives because Charlie viewed Algernon in many ways and saw how his intelligence was going away. In addition, in the text it states," I put Algernon's body in a cheese box and buried him in the back yard. I cried."(302). This proves that Algernon was a big deal to Charlie and he caused a conflict towards him. In many multiple perspectives Charlie saw many conflicts in the death of Algernon by not accepting it. In conclusion, this proves why the theme

conflict can be connected throughout the story.

In addition, Charlie has many changes before and after his operation. In the text it states, “Only a short time ago, I learned that people laughed at me. Now I can see that unknowingly I joined with them in laughing at myself. That hurts most of all.” (299). This proves that Charlie realized why they laughed at him and how he never knew how it felt to be laughed at until days after the operation. This theme statement of change can be seen in multiple perspectives when people laughed at Charlie which he never knew why they did it until after the surgery while other did know did know why they were laughing at him. In the text it states, “Now I know what it means when they say “to pull a Charlie Gordon”. I’m ashamed” (293). This shows that after the surgery he realizes what things mean with greater knowledge and better understanding of things. This statement can be seen with multiple perspectives by seeing that the people who bullied Charlie did know “to pull a Charlie Gordon” meant while on the other hand Charlie did not know until after the surgery he realizes what it means and he feels ashamed not knowing what it meant. In conclusion, this shows how change can be seen through Charlie before and after his many operations.

Additionally, Charlie is seen through an exploration in the beginning of the story and at the end. In the text it states, “I can’t help thinking of the boy in the restaurant, the blank expressions, the silly smile, the people laughing at him.” (303). This proves that in Charlie's exploration in the story he does not know what he might see and what he might find. This quote can connect to the theme exploration because Charlie has seen himself through other people in which he was once. In the text it states, “It happened today. Algernon bit me. I visited the lab to see him as I do occasionally, and when I took him out of his cage, he snapped at my

hand” (300). This shows that Charlie did not know algernon was going to bit and he did not expect it to happen. The theme exploration shows how Charlie did not know how to confront algernon acting this way and by learning new findings from the results. In conclusion, Charlie’s exploration has many new findings throughout the story such as expecting something suddenly and knowing how things were in the past up to know.

In conclusion, Charlie goes through conflict, Charlie has many changes, and explores throughout the story. These theme topics are important because it makes the role of the character and how he should and should not act. These three topics teach humanity how to face changes and conflicts in many ways and how in people they go into many explorations to make their own story. This short story shows how it is ok to change towards society and the world.