

# FLOWERS FOR ALGERNON STUDY GUIDE WITH ANSWERS

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**What is a normal IQ in Flowers for Algernon?** Before Charlie has his operation in "Flowers for Algernon" by Daniel Keyes, he has an IQ of 68. The average IQ according to most psychologists is between 95 and 105, so Charlie's IQ is very low. He would be considered mentally handicapped and would have been in special education classes at school.

**What was Charlie's highest IQ in Flowers for Algernon?** In the heart wrenching story Flowers for Algernon there is a man, Charlie Gordon who has an IQ of 68 and was berated because of this. However he does undergo an operation to triple his IQ to a staggering 204 nevertheless the operation didn't work out in which the man went back to the IQ of 68.

**What grade is Flowers for Algernon?** Reading Literature By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. Charlie Gordon, the main character in "Flowers for Algernon," undergoes surgery to increase his intelligence.

**Is Flowers for Algernon taught in schools?** The novel won the Nebula Award for Best Novel in 1966 and was nominated but lost the Hugo Award for Best Novel in 1967. Flowers for Algernon has become a popular novel taught in many different schools across the United States, and as such, has an extensive challenge history attached alongside it.

**Is Charlie Autistic in Flowers for Algernon?** What disability does Charlie Gordon have? Charlie Gordon, the main character and narrator of Flowers for Algernon,

suffers from a condition called Phenylketonuria leaving his IQ around 70.

**Who has an IQ of 68?** Although all persons with mental retardation have significantly impaired mental development, their intellectual level can vary considerably. An estimated 89 percent of all people with retardation have I.Q.s in the 51-70 range. An I.Q. in the 60 to 70 range is approximately the scholastic equivalent to the third grade.

**Is the Algernon gordon effect real?** Scientists have yet to find a way to create the kind of drastic changes seen in 'Flowers for Algernon'. In the story, Charlie's IQ triples in a matter of months. He becomes a verifiable genius in less than a year. This kind of intelligence increase is currently not possible through science.

**Why is Algernon so smart?** Algernon is initially just an average mouse, but he undergoes an experimental operation that makes him three times as intelligent as a regular mouse.

**Why did Charlie lose his intelligence?** In "Flowers For Algernon" created by Daniel Keyes, An adult named Charlie Gordon had a mental disability and he had an IQ of 68. He was learning, but at a very slow rate. Charlie had brain surgery to make his IQ triple in a matter of weeks. After months his brain started degrading and he lost his intelligence.

**Why was Flowers for Algernon banned in schools?** The book was subsequently banned in several schools in the '70s, '80s, and '90s across the United States (namely, in Arkansas, Pennsylvania, and Texas) because of the explicit nature of the sex scenes within the pages.

**Why is it called Flowers for Algernon?** Answer and Explanation: The title is a representation of the kind and loving spirit that is a part of Charlie, the one quality that remains constant throughout the book. Algernon is the laboratory mouse who serves as a test subject for the intelligence experiment.

**How old is Charlie at the end of Flowers for Algernon?** Flowers for Algernon Charlie is a 32-year-old man with an I.Q. of 68, who has struggled his whole life toward the goal of "being smart." This goal is actually his mother's obsession, and when she realizes the futility of it, she threatens to kill him. Charlie's father takes him

to his Uncle Herman's to live.

**What is the inappropriate scene in Flowers for Algernon?** Sex & Nudity (1) A man and a woman kiss on a bed. The scene fades later to show the woman lying on the bed with her back exposed.

**Is Flowers for Algernon a true story?** No, Flowers for Algernon is not based on a true story. Although it is said the Daniele Keyes borrowed or was inspired by some aspects of his life, like his parents insisting that he study medicine even though his passion for writing (hence the medical storyline).

**What is the message of Flowers for Algernon?** Flowers for Algernon is a book that says to you: 'I want you to question everything you know'. More importantly, it seeks out the unflinchingly honest message that our humanity is not measured by how smart we are, but rather by our kindness, love and interaction with others.

**Does Charlie end up dying in Flowers for Algernon?** Answer and Explanation: The story ends with Charlie being taken to a home to be cared for since his mental state is declining to a debilitating state.

**Is Flowers for Algernon controversial?** Censorship. Flowers for Algernon is on the American Library Association's list of the 100 Most Frequently Challenged Books of 1990–1999 at number 43. The reasons for the challenges vary, but usually center on those parts of the novel in which Charlie struggles to understand and express his sexual desires.

**What is Charlie's IQ after the operation?** One of the animals is a white mice called Algernon throughout the story Charlie will grow close to the mouse. When Charlie gets the surgery his intelligences level begins to drastically change for an IQ of 68 to an IQ of 204.

**What is Elon Musk's IQ?** Elon Musk's IQ is 160. This estimation is based on high correlation of SAT and IQ. The analysis to estimate his IQ score is grounded in scientific rigor and advanced statistical methods.

**Is 120 IQ good?** An IQ level of 120 would be described as 'above average or bright' on an IQ scale. The average score is 100, and 68% of all people have scores between 85 and 115. What is a good IQ score? Any IQ score above 116 would be

considered above average.

**What is the average IQ for a 13 year old?** 12 year olds – Average IQ between 97-117. 13 year olds – Average IQ between 99-120. 14 year olds – Average IQ between 100-121. 15 year olds – Average IQ between 100-123.

**How much IQ does Charlie have?** Charlie is a 32-year-old man with an I.Q. of 68, who has struggled his whole life toward the goal of "being smart." This goal is actually his mother's obsession, and when she realizes the futility of it, she threatens to kill him.

**What does Dr Nemur say an IQ is?** Dr. Nemur believes IQ is “something that measured how intelligent you were--like a scale in the drugstore weighs pounds” (Keyes). Dr. Strauss believes IQ shows “how much intelligence you could get, like the numbers on the outside of a measuring cup” (Keyes).

**What type of intelligence is Flowers for Algernon?** In “Flowers for Algernon,” before and after his operation, Charlie Gordon shows us that even though he isn't considered “smart” he is still intelligent in many ways. Intrapersonal intelligence is being able to understand yourself, what you feel, and what you want.

**What is a normal IQ?** IQ scores between 90 and 109 indicate a normal IQ range or average intelligence. Individual adults usually score somewhere between the 70-130 range, with 100 being the theoretical average.

## Thoughts and Notions: Critical Thinking Workshop

### 1. Identifying Falsehoods

Q: Which statement is false?

- A.  $2 + 2 = 4$
- B. The Earth is flat
- C. The sun is a star
- D. All cats are mammals

A: B. The Earth is flat

## **2. Recognizing Assumptions**

Q: Which assumption is implied in the following statement?

"Everyone should vote in elections."

- A. Voting is important
- B. Voting is a right
- C. Voting is mandatory
- D. Voting is the only way to participate in government

A: A. Voting is important

## **3. Distinguishing Opinions from Facts**

Q: Which of the following is an opinion?

- A. The capital of France is Paris
- B. Pizza is delicious
- C. Vaccines are safe and effective
- D. Global warming is a hoax

A: B. Pizza is delicious

## **4. Evaluating Arguments**

Q: Which argument is weak?

"We should ban social media because it's addictive."

- A. Provides logical reasoning
- B. Offers specific examples
- C. Relies on subjective claims
- D. Considers opposing views

A: C. Relies on subjective claims

## **5. Shut Up Bill**

Q: What is the "Shut Up Bill" and what are its implications?

A: The "Shut Up Bill" refers to legislation that restricts or punishes freedom of speech. Its implications include:

- Chilling effect on dissent and political expression
- Undermining democratic values
- Suppression of minority voices
- Erosion of transparency and accountability

## **Toni Morrison: A Literary Legend**

Toni Morrison, born Chloe Anthony Wofford on February 18, 1931, was an iconic American novelist, essayist, editor, and professor known for her powerful and evocative prose that explored the experiences of African Americans.

### **1. What were some of Morrison's major literary works?**

Morrison published 11 novels, including "The Bluest Eye" (1970), "Sula" (1973), "Beloved" (1987), and "Jazz" (1992), which won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. Her works often centered around the complexities of race, gender, and identity in American society.

### **2. What was the significance of Morrison's Nobel Prize win?**

In 1993, Morrison became the first African American woman to win the Nobel Prize in Literature. The award recognized the profound impact of her work on contemporary literature and its insightful portrayal of the African American experience.

### **3. How did Morrison's background influence her writing?**

Morrison was born in Lorain, Ohio, and grew up in a segregated community. Her experiences with racism and the struggle for equality informed her writing, which examined the historical and social forces that shaped Black lives.

#### **4. What were some of the distinctive features of Morrison's literary style?**

Morrison's writing style is characterized by its poetic language, evocative imagery, and a focus on the inner lives of her characters. She often employed stream-of-consciousness techniques to capture the complexities of human emotion and the complexities of Black identity.

#### **5. What was Morrison's legacy and impact?**

Toni Morrison's work has been widely praised for its literary brilliance and its profound exploration of race, class, and gender in America. Her novels have become touchstones of the African American literary canon and have had a lasting impact on the American literary landscape. Morrison died on August 5, 2019, at the age of 88, leaving behind a legacy as one of the most celebrated and influential writers of her time.

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