“Flowers for Algernon”

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1. Before you read, make a prediction about what you believe the story will be about. Use the vocabulary words as well as the title when making your prediction.

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1. Looking at page 33, what do you notice about the way the story is written?

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1. From whose point of view is the story being told? Give two clues that helped you to determine this.

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1. On page 35, Charlie describes a game that he is given to play. It seems that this game is against a mouse named Algernon. What do Charlie and Algernon have in common?

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1. Re-read Progress Report 4, how do the doctors view Charlie?

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1. Identify the bad luck omen that the author includes. What do you think the omen suggests?

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1. What is a parallel episode? Re-read the March 19th entry to identify the parallel episode. What is different now?

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1. Beginning with the March 26th entry, in what ways do Charlie’s progress reports show that he is getting more intelligent?

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1. What do Charlie’s feelings about Robinson Crusoe suggest about Charlie’s future?

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1. What is a subplot? Why doesn’t Charlie need to race Algernon anymore?

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1. Use context clues to determine the meaning of the word feebleminded.

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