

## Flowers for Algernon

Assignments (due Thursday, November 12 or Friday, November 13)

1. Margin Questions, pages 190 – 215 (point of view and character traits)
2. Theme Question (Choose from 1-4 below.)
3. Study questions, in full, complete sentences, page 219, #1-5, 7, 9 & 10.

Theme questions:

1. What's more important, being popular or being intelligent? Explain your response with a well-developed explanation that includes either cinematic, literary or personal examples. You might describe the advantages (and/or disadvantages) of being popular. Describe the advantages (and/or disadvantages) of being intelligent. Which is more important?
2. Can you think of any kinds of knowledge that it would be better NOT to have? Is knowledge always something that should be pursued? Should there be limits placed on the types of knowledge people should have? Can you think of how it might be going against nature to know certain kinds of things? Do you have any examples, personal or literary, to develop your point?
3. Why do people feel shame? What types of experiences make people feel ashamed? Do you have any personal, literary or cinematic examples?
4. Why do people bully and make fun of each other? What kinds of people are bullies? What kinds of people do they pick on? What should you do when you get picked on or when you see others being picked on?