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The contribution of changes

One of Twenty-five people in america suffer with the fate of obtaining mental illness. “Flowers for Algernon”, charlie, a mentally ill patient is in the search of becoming intelligent. During the story Charlie tumbles onto different obstacles and changes. These changes contribute with the character charlie, in the short story “Flowers for algernon.”

In the beginning of the story, Charlie, very passionate and motivated to do the surgery in order to get smarter but then his feelings changed after the surgery. Charlie didn't want to be incoherent any more. For example, the author states, “I don't know why but he says its important so they will see if they will use me. I hope they use me (285).” This quote indicates that he's willing to be tested to become smart. He nervously awaits to take the Rorschach test. Mentally ill people have to be tested to see there intelligence capacity. According to the text, “Nothing is happening. I had lots of tests and different kinds of races with Algernon (288).” This means that his mindset has changed very differently. He thinks he wasn't getting any smarter. He's distressed and frustrated because the thought of him not pursuing his dream of being smart. Charlie changing, contributes to the fact the way his feeling change.

In the middle of the story charlie starts getting smarter and starts learning many different things in just a few weeks. Charlie had an emotional experience which also leads him to keep winning. “I beat Algernon! I didn't know I beat him till Burt the tester told me. I beat him eight

more times(290).” Charlie finally learned the pattern and beat Algernon. He waits patiently and starts improving. Charlie started to experience new things that he had never experienced. “You gotta mix them up. She showed? Me “how. To mix! Them up(292).” He is learning how to use punctuation properly. After knowing how to use punctuation charlie has improved since the beginning of the short story. At the end of the short story charlie starts to decrease by getting dumber, start to forget things and places. He starts to lose knowledge “Last night I couldn’t remember where I lived. A police man took me home (302).” He totally forgets where he lives and had to ask a police officer for help. He was spelling things incorrectly, lost most of his memory . “I dint remember she never called me that before on lt charlie so I said hello Miss Kinnian Im redy for my lesin today only I lost my reader that we was using.”(305) He starts to spell things incorrectly. He was forgetting everything he learned. His actions on doing to surgery contribute to the fact that he is changing.

In conclusion charlie has different changes in the story that has contributed to the short story “flowers for Algernon.” This is important because it is that main topic. Everyone experiences different changes which are contributes to their life. Change is contributed when you take risks. Charlie has many ups and downs during the story that he had to become smart, he had many difficulties and at the end he was not very successful.