***Flowers for Algernon*, by Daniel Keyes**

**Advantages and Disadvantages**

**Directions: Use the following chart to list the advantages and disadvantages that “intelligence” or the “lack thereof” has. There are good and bad elements to both. Then, apply your opinions both to Charlie and his situation: Charlie’s whole persona changes when his intelligence is altered. Were the changes good or bad for Charlie?**

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| **Category** | **Advantages** | **Disadvantages** |
| Having “super” intelligence |  |  |
| Having little or no “intelligence |  |  |

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| **Category** | **Advantages** | **Disadvantages** |
| Charlie (pre surgery) with little intelligence |  |  |
| Charlie (post surgery) with “super” intelligence |  |  |