**Flowers for Algernon**

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***PROMPT***

At the beginning of the story, Charlie was being considered for a special scientific experiment. He told the doctors why he wanted to be chosen. Alice Kinnian also recommended him.

A research hospital near you has recently tested a method for increasing intelligence in animals. Now they are ready to experiment on a human being. You want to be chosen for the experiment. You must write a letter to the doctor conducting the experiment explaining why you are the best candidate for the procedure.

NOTE: If you do not want to have an operation to be smart, you could have an operation for other things, such as, better eye sight (if you wear glasses), better hearing (if you wear a hearing aid), be taller (if you want to be a professional athlete) etc. You can choose something else to ‘improve’ yourself, but it must be based on something you wish to improve now and CANNOT be something silly, such as, super-sonic hearing or running at the speed of light.

***PREWRITING***

The first thing you need to do is think about why you want to have the procedure done. What is your motivation? Next, make a list of the reasons you are a good choice for the experiment. Include things like current health, and contributions you have already made to your school or community. How will increasing your intelligence help you? How will you use your new abilities to help others? When you have finished your list, arrange the items in the order in which you want to present them.

***DRAFTING***

In the first paragraph, introduce yourself and tell what you want. Next, give more background

about yourself, including the reasons you think you are a good choice for the experiment. You may want to use one paragraph for each reason. Make sure to include details and examples to explain your reasons. Write a paragraph telling how you will use your new intelligence to help others. In your concluding paragraph, restate your desire to be chosen. Thank the readers for their time.

***PROMPT***

When you finish the rough draft of your paper, ask another student to read it. After reading

your rough draft, he/she should tell you what he/she liked best about your work, which parts were difficult to understand, and ways in which your work could be improved. Reread your paper considering your critic's comments, and make the corrections you think are necessary. You may want another student to look at your display. Ask for information about its neatness

and attractiveness.

***PROOFREADING***

Do a final proofreading of your paper, double-checking your grammar, spelling, organization,

and the clarity of your ideas.

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