

# Summer Reading Assessment

## English 9 Honors

### Flowers for Algernon

#### Short Responses

**Directions:** Answer all of the short answer questions in one to two paragraphs. This assignment MUST be typed in times new roman, 12 pt. Font, double spaced. Make sure to provide SPECIFIC EXAMPLES from the text to help support your responses.

- 1) The narration of this novel takes place in the first person (told from the point of view of Charlie). Why do you think Keyes decided to write in this way? In what way does the novel benefit from being told in the first person?
- 2) Describe how Charlie changes throughout the story. What was he like before the surgery? After the surgery? At the end of the novel?
- 3) The novel goes into great detail about the relationship between Charlie and how his family treated him when he was a child. Is there a connection between Charlie's expectations of who she wants him to be, and his decision to undergo the experiment?
- 4) At the end of the novel, Charlie states that he will be going to Warren Home School - a place where he will fit in and be cared for properly. Do you think this ending is tragic, or could it possibly be inspiring? Why?

### The Martian Chronicles

#### Short Essay

The Martian Chronicles is filled with short stories that have a variety of things to say about our world and who we are as human beings. Choose a short story from the book and discuss one theme that is present within the story and why that theme is important.

If you aren't sure which theme you might want to write about, here is a list of potential themes from the book:

- Our identity as humans
- How we affect our environment

- Freedom
- How technology affects our world
- Hopes and dreams

There are many more themes within these stories. If you'd like to discuss one that isn't on this list - go for it!

Assignment requirements:

- 5 paragraphs
- Times New Roman 12 pt font
- Double spaced

**These assessments will be due September 2, 2022**