



Flowers for Algernon



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Dr. Strauss says I shud rite down what I think and evrey thing that happins to me from now on. I dont know why but he says its impourtint so they will see if they will use me. I hope they use me. Miss Kinnian says maybe they can make me smart. I want to be smart. My name is Charlie Gordon. I am 37 years old and 2 weeks ago was my birthday. I have nuthing more to rite now so I will close for today. ¶

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I had a test today. I think I faled it. and I think that maybe now they wont use me. What happind is a nice young man was in the room and he had some white cards with ink

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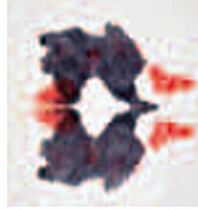
1 Reviewing Skills

Making Inferences You can learn a lot about Charlie from the way he writes. For instance, you can tell from his spelling and difficulty understanding other people that he finds it hard to do things most other people do easily.



spilled all over them. He said Charlie what do you see on this card. I was very scared even tho I had my rabbits foot in my pocket because when I was a kid I always faled tests in school and I spilled ink to.

I told him I saw a inkblot. He said yes and it made me feel good. I thot that was all but when I got up to go he stopped



Visual Vocabulary

An **inkblot** is an ink mark made by dropping ink on a piece of paper and then folding the paper in half to make an interesting picture.

me. He said now sit down Charlie we are not thru yet. **Then** I dont remember so good but he wantid me to say what was in the ink. I dint see nuthing in the ink but he said there was picturs there other pepul saw some picturs. I coutnt see any picturs. I reely tried to see. I held the card close up and then far away. Then I said if I had my glases I coud see better I usally only ware my glases in the movies or TV but I said they are in the closit in the hall. I got them. Then I said let me see that card agen I bet Ill find it now. **2**

I tried hard but I still coutnt find the picturs I only saw the ink. I told him maybe I need new glases. He rote something down on a paper and I got skared of faling the test. I told him it was a very nice inkblot with littel points al around the eyes. He looked very sad so that wasnt it. I said please let me try agen. Ill get it in a few minits because Im not so fast sometimes. Im a slow reeder too in Miss Kinnians class for slow adults but I'm trying very hard.

He gave me a chance with another card that had 2 kinds of ink spilled on it red and blue.

He was very nice and talked slow like Miss Kinnian does and he explained it to me that it was a *raw shok*.¹ He said pepul see things in the ink. I said show me where. He said think. I told him I think a inkblot but that wasnt rite eather. He said what does it remind you—pretend something. I closd my eyes for a long time to pretend. I told him I pretned a fowntan pen with ink leeking all over a table cloth. Then he got up and went out.

I dont think I passd the *raw shok* test.

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2 Key Reading Skill

Understanding Text

Structures Notice how many times Charlie uses the word then in this paragraph. What does this tell you about the text structure of the selection?

1. When Charlie says *raw shok*, he is talking about the **Rorschach** (ROR shok) test, which gathers information about personality and intelligence.

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Dr Strauss and Dr Nemur say it dont matter about the inkblots. I told them I dint spill the ink on the cards and I coundt see anything in the ink. They said that maybe they will still use me. I said Miss Kinnian never gave me tests like that one only spelling and reading. They said Miss Kinnian told that I was her bestist pupil in the adult nite scool becaus I tryed the hardist and I reely wantid to lern. They said how come you went to the adult nite scool all by yourself Charlie. How did you find it. I said I askd pepul and sumbody told me where I shud go to lern to read and spell good. They said why did you want to. I told them becaus all my life I wantid to be smart and not dumb. But its very hard to be smart. They said you know it will probly be tempirery. I said yes. Miss Kinnian told me. I dont care if it herts.

Later I had more crazy tests today. The nice lady who gave it me told me the name and I asked her how do you spellit so I can rite it in my progris riport. THEMATIC APPERCEPTION TEST.² I dont know the frist 2 words but I know what *test* means. You got to pass it or you get bad marks. This test lookd easy becaus I coud see the picturs. Only this time she dint want me to tell her the picturs. That mixd me up. I said the man yesterday said I shoud tell him what I saw in the ink she said that dont make no difrence. She said make up storys about the pepul in the picturs.

I told her how can you tell storys about pepul you never met. I said why shud I make up lies. I never tell lies any more becaus I always get caut.

She told me this test and the other one the raw-shok was for getting personalty. I laffed so hard. I said how can you get that thing from inkblots and fotos. She got **sore** and put her picturs away. I dont care. It was sily. I gess I faled that test too. **E**

Later some men in white coats took me to a difernt part of the hospitil and gave me a game to play. It was like a race with a white mouse. They called the mouse Algernon. Algernon was in a box with a lot of twists and turns like all kinds of walls and they gave me a pencil and a paper with

3**English Language Coach****Multiple-Meaning Words**

Which meaning of **sore** makes the most sense here? Write the meaning in your Learner's Notebook.

2. A **Thematic Apperception** (thee MAT ik ap ur SEP shun) **Test** asks people to look at a few pictures and then make up a story about the pictures.



lines and lots of boxes. On one side it said **START** and on the other end it said **FINISH**. They said it was *amazed*³ and that Algermon and me had the same *amazed* to do. I dint see how we could have the same *amazed* if Algermon had a box and I had a paper but I dint say nothing. Anyway there wasnt time because the race started.

One of the men had a watch he was trying to hide so I woudnt see it so I tried not to look and that made me nervous.

Anyway that test made me feel worser than all the others because they did it over 10 times with difereⁿt *amazeds* and Algermon won every time. I dint know that mice were so smart. Maybe thats because Algermon is a white mouse. Maybe white mice are smarter then other mice.

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Their going to use me! Im so exited I can hardly write. Dr Nemur and Dr Strauss had a argament about it first. Dr Nemur was in the office when Dr Strauss brot me in. Dr Nemur was worried about using me but Dr Strauss told him Miss Kinnian rekemmed me the best from all the people who she was teaching. **4** I like Miss Kinnian becaus shes a very smart teacher. And she said Charlie your going to have a second chance. If you volenteer for this experament you mite get smart. They dont know if it will be perminint but theirs a chance. Thats why I said ok even when I was scared because she said it was an operashun. She said dont be scared Charlie you done so much with so little I think you deserv it most of all.

So I got scaird when Dr Nemur and Dr Strauss argud about it. Dr Strauss said I had something that was very good. He said

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4 Key Literary Element

Irony Charlie is excited that the scientists are going to use him. He thinks of the experiment as a reward for being a good student. Think about what you've learned about Charlie and the doctors so far. What information do you have that Charlie does not have? What's the irony in this passage?

Charly, 1967. Selmur Productions. Movie still.

Analyzing the Image What does this scene from the film show you about Charlie's struggle at this point in the story?



3. Charlie says *amazed*, but he means "a maze," which is a confusing set of paths that are easy to get lost in.



READING WORKSHOP 3

I had a good *motor-vation*.⁴ I never even knew I had that. I felt proud when he said that not every body with an eye-q⁵ of 68 had that thing. I dont know what it is or where I got it but he said Algenron had it too.

Algenrons *motor-vation* is the

cheese they put in his box. But it cant be that because I didnt eat any cheese this week.

Then he told Dr Nemur something I dint understand so while they were talking I wrote down some of the words.

He said Dr Nemur I know Charlie is not what you had in mind as the first of your new brede of intelekt** (coudnt get the word) superman. But most people of his low ment** are host** and uncoop** they are usually dull apath** and hard to reach. He has a good natcher hes intristed and eager to please. **5**

Dr Nemur said remember he will be the first human beeng ever to have his intelijence trippled by surgicle means.

Dr Strauss said exakly. Look at how well hes lerned to read and write for his low mental age its as grate an acheve** as you and I lerning einstines therey of **vity⁶ without help. That shows the intenss motorvation. Its comparat** a tremen** achev** I say we use Charlie.

I dint get all the words and they were talking to fast but it sounded like Dr Strauss was on my side and like the other one wasnt.

Then Dr Nemur nodded he said all right maybe your right. We will use Charlie. When he said that I got so exited I jumped up and shook his hand for being so good to me. I told him thank you doc you wont be sorry for giving me a second chance. And I mean it like I told him. After the operashun Im gonna try to be smart. Im gonna try awful hard.

4. Charlie means **motivation** (moh tih VAY shun). When people have motivation to do something, they feel that they want very much to do it.

5. When Charlie says **eye-q** he means IQ, which stands for "intelligence quotient" (KWOH shent). An IQ is the score a person gets on an intelligence test, which is supposed to measure a person's ability to learn.

6. When Charlie says **einstines therey of **vity**, he is talking about the theory of relativity developed by the scientist Albert Einstein which changed the way people understand the world.



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Multiple-Meaning Words

Which meaning of **reach** makes the most sense here? How do you know? Write your answer in your Learner's Notebook.



progris ript 5--Mar 10

Im skared. Lots of people who work here and the nurses and the people who gave me the tests came to bring me candy and wish me luck. I hope I have luck. I got my rabbits foot and my lucky penny and my horse shoe. Only a black cat crossed me when I was comming to the hospital. Dr Strauss says dont be supersitis Charlie this is sience. Anyway Im keeping my rabbits foot with me.

I asked Dr Strauss if Ill beat Algermon in the race after the operashun and he said maybe. If the operashun works Ill show that mouse I can be as smart as he is. Maybe smarter. Then Ill be abel to read better and spell the words good and know lots of things and be like other people. I want to be smart like other people. If it works perminint they will make everybody smart all over the wurld.

They dint give me anything to eat this morning. I dont know what that eating has to do with getting smart. Im very hungry and Dr Nemur took away my box of candy. That Dr Nemur is a grouch. Dr Strauss says I can have it back after the operashun. You cant eat befor a operashun . . .

Progress Report 6--Mar 15

The operashun dint hurt. He did it while I was sleeping. They took off the bandijis from my eyes and my head today so I can make a PROGRESS REPORT. Dr Nemur who looked at some of my other ones says I spell PROGRESS wrong and he told me how to spell it and REPORT too. I got to try and remember that.

I have a very bad memory for spelling. Dr Strauss says its ok to tell about all the things that happin to me but he says I shoud tell more about what I feel and what I think. When I told him I dont know how to think he said try. All the time when the bandijis were on my eyes I tryed to think. Nothing happened. I dont know what to think about. Maybe if I ask him he will tell me how I can think now that Im suppose to get smart. What do smart people think about. Fancy things I suppose. I wish I knew some fancy things already. **G**

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Multiple-Meaning Words

Look up **fancy** in a dictionary. How many meanings of **fancy** are there? What does it mean in the context of the selection? (Hint: What part of speech is **fancy** in the selection?)

**Progress Report 7—mar 19**

Nothing is happening. I had lots of tests and different kinds of races with Algermon. I hate that mouse. He always beats me. Dr Strauss said I got to play those games. And he said some time I got to take those tests over again. Those inkblots are stupid. And those pictures are stupid too. I like to draw a picture of a man and a woman but I wont make up lies about people.

I got a headache from trying to think so much. I thot Dr Strauss was my frend but he dont help me. He dont tell me what to think or when Ill get smart. Miss Kinnian dint come to see me. I think writing these progress reports are stupid too. ¶

Progress Report 8—Mar 23

Im going back to work at the factory. They said it was better I shud go back to work but I cant tell anyone what the operashun was for and I have to come to the hospital for an hour evry night after work. They are gonna pay me mony every month for lerning to be smart.

Im glad Im going back to work because I miss my job and all my frends and all the fun we have there.

Dr Strauss says I shud keep writing things down but I dont have to do it every day just when I think of something or something speshul happens. He says dont get discoridged because it takes time and it happens slow. He says it took a long time with Algermon before he got 3 times smarter than he was before. Thats why Algermon beats me all the time because he had that operashun too. That makes me feel better. I coud probly do that *amazed* faster than a reglar mouse. Maybe some day Ill beat Algermon. Boy that would be something. So far Algermon looks like he mite be smart perminent.

Mar 25 (I dont have to write PROGRESS REPORT on top any more just when I hand it in once a week for Dr Nemur to read. I just have to put the date on. That saves time)

We had a lot of fun at the factory today. Joe Carp said hey look where Charlie had his operashun what did they do Charlie put some brains in. I was going to tell him but I remembered Dr Strauss said no. Then Frank Reilly said what

Practice the Skills**Reviewing Skills**

Making Inferences Notice the change in Charlie's personality from earlier in the story. Why do you think he's getting cranky and calling everything "stupid"?



did you do Charlie forget your key and open your door the hard way. That made me laff. Their really my friends and they like me. 8

Sometimes somebody will say hey look at Joe or Frank or George he really pulled a Charlie Gordon. I dont know why they say that but they always laff. This morning Amos Borg who is the 4 man at Donnegans used my name when he shouted at Ernie the office boy. Ernie lost a package. He said Ernie for godsake what are you trying to be a Charlie Gordon. I dont understand why he said that. I never lost any packages. 9

Mar 28 Dr Strauss came to my room tonight to see why I dint come in like I was suppose to. I told him I dont like to race with Algernon any more. He said I dont have to for a while but I shud come in. He had a present for me only it wasnt a present but just for lend. I thot it was a little television but it wasnt. He said I got to turn it on when I go to sleep. I said your kidding why shud I turn it on when Im going to sleep. Who ever herd of a thing like that. But he said if I want to get smart I got to do what he says. I told him I dint think I was going to get smart and he put his hand on my sholder and said Charlie you dont know it yet but your getting smarter all the time. You wont notice for a while. I think he was just being nice to make me feel good because I dont look any smarter.

Oh yes I almost forgot. I asked him when I can go back to the class at Miss Kinnians school. He said I wont go their. He said that soon Miss Kinnian will come to the hospitil to start and teach me speshul. I was mad at her for not comming to see me when I got the operashun but I like her so maybe we will be friends again.

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8 Key Literary Element

Irony What is the dramatic irony here? (Hint: What are Charlie's thoughts about his friends' behavior? How do his thoughts about his friends differ from yours?)

9 Reviewing Skills

Making Inferences What do you think it means when someone says, "He really pulled a Charlie Gordon"? Support your inference with story details.



Charly, 1967. Selmur Productions. Movie still.

Analyzing the Image Can you see Charlie's determination in this photograph?



Mar 29 That crazy TV kept me up all night. How can I sleep with something yelling crazy things all night in my ears. And the nutty pictures. Wow. I dont know what it says when Im up so how am I going to know when Im sleeping.

Dr Strauss says its ok. He says my brains are learning when I sleep and that will help me when Miss Kinnian starts my lessons in the hospitl (only I found out it isnt a hospitil its a labatory). I think its all crazy. If you can get smart when your sleeping why do people go to school. That thing I dont think will work. I use to watch the late show and the late late show on TV all the time and it never made me smart. Maybe you have to sleep while you watch it. **10**

PROGRESS REPORT 9--April 3

Dr Strauss showed me how to keep the TV turned low so now I can sleep. I dont hear a thing. And I still dont understand what it says. A few times I play it over in the morning to find out what I lerned when I was sleeping and I dont think so. Miss Kinnian says Maybe its another langwidge or something. But most times it sounds american. It talks so fast faster then even Miss Gold who was my teacher in 6 grade and I remember she talked so fast I couldnt understand her.

I told Dr Strauss what good is it to get smart in my sleep. I want to be smart when Im awake. He says its the same thing and I have two minds. Theres the *subconscious*⁷ and the *conscious* (thats how you spell it). And one dont tell the other one what its doing. They dont even talk to each other. Thats why I dream. And boy have I been having crazy dreams. Wow. Ever since that night TV. The late late late late show.

I forgot to ask him if it was only me or if everybody had those two minds.

(I just looked up the word in the dictionary Dr Strauss gave me. The word is *subconscious*. *adj.* *Of the nature of mental operations yet not present in consciousness; as, subconscious conflict of desires.*) Theres more but I still don't know what it means. This isnt a very good dictionary for dumb people like me.

7. A person is not aware of the thoughts and feelings in the *subconscious* (sub KON shus) part of his or her mind.

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10 Reviewing Skills

Making Inferences What has changed about Charlie? (Hint: How does Charlie feel about Dr. Strauss's television idea?)



Analyzing the Art How does this image help you understand the idea of a *subconscious* mind?



Anyway the headache is from the party. My frends from the factory Joe Carp and Frank Reilly invited me to go with them to Muggsys Saloon for some drinks. I dont like to drink but they said we will have lots of fun. I had a good time.

Joe Carp said I shoud show the girls how I mop out the toilet in the factory and he got me a mop. I showed them and everyone laffed when I told that Mr Donnegan said I was the best janiter he ever had because I like my job and do it good and never come late or miss a day except for my operashun.

I said Miss Kinnian always said Charlie be proud of your job because you do it good.

Everybody laffed and we had a good time and they gave me lots of drinks and Joe said Charlie is a card when hes potted.⁸ I dont know what that means but everybody likes me and we have fun. I cant wait to be smart like my best frends

Joe Carp and Frank Reilly. III

I dont remember how the party was over but I think I went out to buy a newspaper and coffe for Joe and Frank and when I came back there was no one their. I looked for them all over till late. Then I dont remember so good but I think I got sleepy or sick. A nice cop brot me back home. Thats what my landlady Mrs Flynn says.

But I got a headache and a big lump on my head and black and blue all over. I think maybe I fell but Joe Carp says it was the cop they beat up drunks some times. I don't think so. Miss Kinnian says cops are to help people. Anyway I got a bad headache and Im sick and hurt all over. I dont think Ill drink anymore.

April 6 I beat Algernon! I dint even know I beat him until Burt the tester told me. Then the second time I lost because I got so exited I fell off the chair before I finished. But after that I beat him 8 more times. I must be getting smart to beat a smart mouse like Algernon. But I dont *feel* smarter.

I wanted to race Algernon some more but Burt said thats enough for one day. They let me hold him for a minit. Hes not so bad. Hes soft like a ball of cotton. He blinks and when he opens his eyes their black and pink on the eyes.

8. **Charlie is a card when he's potted** is a slang way of saying that Charlie is funny when he drinks too much alcohol.

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Key Literary Element

Irony This scene is an example of dramatic irony. What do you, the reader, know that Charlie does not know? How does this bit of irony make you feel about Charlie and his situation?



Charly, 1967. Selmur Productions. Movie still.

Analyzing the Image How would you describe Charlie's feelings toward Algermon?

I said can I feed him because I felt bad to beat him and I wanted to be nice and make friends. Burt said no Algermon is a very specshul mouse with an operashun like mine, and he was the first of all the animals to stay smart so long. He told me Algermon is so smart that every day he has to solve a test to get his food. Its a thing like a lock on a door that changes every time Algermon goes in to eat so he has to lern something new to get his food. That made me sad because if he couldnt lern he woud be hungry.

I dont think its right to make you pass a test to eat. How woud Dr Nemur like it to have to pass a test every time he wants to eat. I think Ill be friends with Algermon. **12**

April 9 Tonight after work Miss Kinnian was at the laboratory. She looked like she was glad to see me but scared. I told her dont worry Miss Kinnian Im not smart yet and she luffed. She said I have confidence in you Charlie the way you struggled so hard to read and right better than all the others. At arst you will have it for a littel wile and your doing something for science.

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Key Reading Skill

Understanding Text

Structures Most selections have more than one text structure. Reread the first two paragraphs on this page. The text structure in these paragraphs is cause and effect. What causes and effects can you find here?

We are reading a very hard book. I never read such a hard book before. Its called *Robinson Crusoe* about a man who gets merooned on a dessert Island. Hes smart and figers out all kinds of things so he can have a house and food and hes a good swimmer. Only I feel sorry because hes all alone and has no frends. But I think their must be somebody else on the island because theres a picture with his funny umbrella looking at footprints. I hope he gets a frend and not be lonely.

April 10 Miss Kinnian teaches me to spell better. She says look at a word and close your eyes and say it over and over until you remember. I have lots of truble with *through* that you say *threw* and *enough* and *tough* that you dont say *enew* and *tew*. You got to say *enuff* and *tuff*. Thats how I use to write it before I started to get smart. Im confused but Miss Kinnian says theres no reason in spelling.

April 14 Finished *Robinson Crusoe*. I want to find out more about what happens to him but Miss Kinnian says thats all there is. *Why*

April 15 Miss Kinnian says Im lerning fast. She read some of the Progress Reports and she looked at me kind of funny. She says Im a fine person and Ill show them all. I asked her why. She said never mind but I shoudnt feel bad if I find out that everybody isnt nice like I think. She said for a person who god gave so little to you done more then a lot of people with brains they never even used. I said all my frends are smart people but there good. They like me and they never did anything that wasnt nice. Then she got something in her eye and she had to run out to the ladys room. **TE**

April 16 Today, I lerned, the *comma*, this is a comma (,) a period, with a tail, Miss Kinnian, says its imporrent, because, it makes writing, better, she said, somebody, could lose, a lot of money, if a comma, isnt, in the, right place, I dont have, any money, and I dont see, how a comma, keeps you, from losing it,

But she says, everybody, uses commas, so Ill use, them too,
April 17 I used the comma wrong. Its punctuation. Miss Kinnian told me to look up long words in the dictionary to lern to spell them. I said whats the difference if you can read it anyway. She said its part of your education so now on Ill

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TE

Key Literary Element

Irony Charlie thinks Miss Kinnian has run out of the room because she got something in her eye. What is the real reason she leaves? (Hint: How do you think she feels about the way Charlie's friends treat him?)

look up all the words I'm not sure how to spell. It takes a long time to write that way but I think I'm remembering. I only have to look up once and after that I get it right. Anyway that's how come I got the word *punctuation* right. (Its that way in the dictionary). Miss Kinnian says a period is punctuation too, and there are lots of other marks to learn. I told her I thought all the periods had to have tails but she said no.

You got to mix them up, she showed? me" how. to mix! them(up. and now; I can! mix up all kinds" of punctuation, in! my writing? There, are lots! of rules? to learn; but I'm getting'g them in my head.

One thing I? like about, Dear Miss Kinnian: (thats the way it goes in a business letter if I ever go into business) is she, always gives me' a reason" when—I ask. She's a gen'ius! I wish! I cou'd be smart" like, her; (Punctuation, is; fun!)

April 18 What a dope I am! I didn't even understand what she was talking about. I read the grammar book last night and it explains the whole thing. Then I saw it was the same way as Miss Kinnian was trying to tell me, but I didn't get it. I got up in the middle of the night, and the whole thing straightened out in my mind.

Miss Kinnian said that the TV working in my sleep helped out. She said I reached a plateau. That's like the flat top of a hill.

After I figured out how punctuation worked, I read over all my old Progress Reports from the beginning. Boy, did I have crazy spelling and punctuation! I told Miss Kinnian I ought to go over the pages and fix all the mistakes but she said, "No, Charlie, Dr. Nemur wants them just as they are. That's why he let you keep them after they were photostated,⁹ to see your own progress. You're coming along fast, Charlie."

That made me feel good. After the lesson I went down and played with Algernon. We don't race any more. **14**



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14 Key Reading Skill

Understanding Text

Structures The author organizes the text in time order. How does the text structure help you see how quickly changes are happening to Charlie?

⁹ Anything that is **photostated** (fOH toh stat ud) has been photocopied onto specially treated paper.

April 20 I feel sick inside. Not sick like for a doctor, but inside my chest it feels empty like getting punched and a heartburn at the same time.

I wasn't going to write about it, but I guess I got to, because it's important. Today was the first time I ever stayed home from work.

Last night Joe Carp and Frank Reilly invited me to a party. There were lots of girls and some men from the factory. I remembered how sick I got last time I drank too much, so I told Joe I didn't want anything to drink. He gave me a plain Coke instead. It tasted funny, but I thought it was just a bad taste in my mouth.

We had a lot of fun for a while. Joe said I should dance with Ellen and she would teach me the steps. I fell a few times and I couldn't understand why because no one else was dancing besides Ellen and me. And all the time I was tripping because somebody's foot was always sticking out. **15**

Then when I got up I saw the look on Joe's face and it gave me a funny feeling in my stomach. "He's a scream," one of the girls said. Everybody was laughing. **16**

Frank said, "I ain't laughed so much since we sent him off for the newspaper that night at Muggsy's and ditched him."

"Look at him. His face is red."

"He's blushing. Charlie is blushing."

"Hey, Ellen, what'd you do to Charlie? I never saw him act like that before."

I didn't know what to do or where to turn. Everyone was looking at me and laughing and I felt naked. I wanted to hide myself. I ran out into the street and I threw up. Then I walked home. It's a funny thing I never knew that Joe and Frank and the others liked to have me around all the time to make fun of me.

Now I know what it means when they say "to pull a Charlie Gordon."

I'm ashamed. **17**

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15 Key Reading Skill

Understanding Text

Structures Charlie's writing is improving. Look at how he uses signal words for chronological order in the first four paragraphs on this page. What signal words can you find?

16 English Language Coach

Multiple-Meaning Words

What does **scream** mean here?

Write its definition in your Learner's Notebook. Use a dictionary if you need help.

17 BIG Question

What price does Charlie pay for getting smarter? Is the price too high? Write your answer on the "Flowers for Algernon," Part 1, flap of the Reading Workshop 3 Foldable. Your response will help you complete the Unit Challenge later.