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Some mental health patients rarely improve when this disorder..this story proves it wrong. “Flowers For Algernon” this short story by Daniel Keyes . This story is about how a retarded mental 37 yr. Old man starts off not knowing how to spell, use punctuation nor communicating. He gradually starts to grow more intelligent with the help of Kinnian and Dr. Strauss. The thesis statement is “An individual’s quest for self-improvement has the potential to change the perspectives of others over time. This means that an individual’s strive for knowledge has changed people’s view overtime.

To start off, self-improvement is developed in this story when Charlie learns how to use the correct spelling and punctuation. Charlie talks explains, “Miss Kinnian said that part of my education is looking up all the words that I’m not sure how to spell.” This connects to the to the theme by Charlie starting to learn how to spell and is still growing. It shows how Charlie is learning new vocabulary words and is spelling much better than before. Charlie then express his feelings on beating Algernon, “I beat Algernon! I didn’t even know I beat him until Burt the tester told me. Then the second time I lost because I got so excited 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 don’t feel smart.” This shows that Charlie is growing smarter, beating an intelligent white mouse. This relates to self improvement by Charlie beating Algernon, who beat Charlie many times in the past.

To continue, Self improvement takes place in the story when Charlie starts to grow smarter and smarter due to the operation. Charlie quotes, “Anyway, now I know I’m getting smarter everyday. I know punctuation and i can spell good. I like to look up all the hard words in

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the dictionary and I remember them.” This talks about how Charlie is able to memorize hard words in the dictionary. It shows how Charlie is learning new words that he never realized before. In the words of Charlie quotes “I’m reading a lot now, and Miss Kinnian says I read very fast. Sometimes I even understand what I’m reading about, and it stays in my mind. There are times when I can close my eyes and think of a page and it all comes back like a picture.” This quote explains how Miss Kinnian is even saying that he is improving. This relates back to the theme because not only is Charlie realizing that he is improving, but Miss Kinnian too; having multiple perspectives.

To roll along, Self improvement takes place when Charlie has fully developed and what are the aftermaths of intelligence. He starts to see at familiar things that has made his older life a bit more tough; but then starts to improve. What Charlie states “ I was scared to death of those horrific inkblots. I knew he was going to ask me to find the pictures and I knew I wouldn’t be able to. I was thinking to myself, if only there was some way of knowing what kind of pictures at all. Maybe it was just a trick to see if I was dumb enough to look for something that wasn’t there.” This explains how Charlie reacts to the inkblots after seeing it when he has become smarter and not rearing as much. As Charlie is talking to himself, he quotes “Once again now I have the feeling of shame burning inside me. This intelligence has driven a wedge between me and all the people I once knew and loved. Before, they laughed at me and despised me for my ignorance and dullness; now, they hate me for my knowledge and understanding.” Charlie is talking to himself on why people despise him for his stupidity but now they hate him because he

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was improved. This relates to back to the theme by stating after Charlie becoming smart and realizing what is happening in the world around him.

To Conclude, Self improvement has been done throughout the story numerous of times. This theme is important because it has the most evidence on what the story is about. Self-Improvement for Charlie in this story is almost in every page and there is no other theme like this. This essay was worth to read because it doesn't have mediocre vocabulary words and it is interesting to know about this story. It talks about something that hasn't happened that often even though it is a fictional story.