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Judgmental

No kid should feel different at all!!! In ,“Flowers for Algernon”,written by Daniel Keyes, Charlie Gordon a mentally disabled 37-year-old man with an IQ of 68 was judged a lot from people around him. Two crazy scientist named Dr. Nemur and Dr. Strauss created a theory on how someone's intelligence can improve by a lot but in order to do so that person or animal had to go through a complicated surgery in the brain. Charlie participated in this risky experiment to improve the mind's IQ so that one day his dream in becoming intelligent will come true. He will be known as the first brave man to have gone through this experiment's surgery, including the lab mouse named Algernon. Soon the operation worked and Charlie's IQ went up by numbers, but during him getting smart, he went through a lot and started noticing more of the world around him. Throughout this short story the theme,“Judgment”shows a lot in the text which was explored by three reason, people making fun of others, reactions you get towards one, and one treated differently than the rest.

The first reason, this theme was explored was because of people making fun of others. Charlie wasn't aware that some people that he thought were his friends were making fun of him. For example on page 290 it shows,”i showed them and everyone laffed when i told that mr donegan said i was the best janitir he ever had because i like my job and do it good and never come late or miss a day expect for my operashun.” Charlie thinks joe and frank are the smartest and nicest friends he has ever met in his life. Illustrated on page 289 it demonstrates, “joe carp said hey

look where charlie had his operashun what did they do charlie put some brains.” When charlie had his operation he thought he was going to turn smart in an instant but he didn't so Joe made fun of him even more. Without caring people do dumb things that they don't think it's a big deal until something goes wrong.

The second reason, this theme was explored was because the reactions someone gets when they are around someone different. Charlie's friends had concerned expressions on their faces because of the risky operation he participated in. For instance, as Fanny berdin face expression points out on page 291, ”She looked like she was glad to see me but scared.” Fanny was concerned about Charlie and his different changes and thought this could be dangerous for other people. More of his friends started noticing changes in the way charlie acts after his operation and started acting strange. In page 300 it states, ”Dr. Strauss and Dr. Nemur have asked me not to come to the lab any more. I know what they're thinking but I can't accept it.” Charlie knew what was happening but he just let it be for the time being.

The third reason, this theme was of such importance was because of someone being treated different. Since the day charlie shockingly found out that people were making fun of him and treating him differently, he started getting furious when people did the same things to others. A 17 inocent year old boy with mental disabilities worked at a restaurant charlie went out to eat at. On page 299, ” They were laughing at him IS because he was mentally retarded.” Charlie compared himself with that same boy and flashed back to the times he remembered being treated differently. Shown in Charlie's point of view in page 293, ”People think its funny when a dumb person can't do things the same way they can.” People don't really see how this person's life is every day with the struggle of not knowing what's happening around them.

To wrap it all up, Charlie was laughed at a lot in so many ways he couldn't remember, it made it even harder for him when he had no one else to talk to during the crisis he was going through. Seeing people get treated the same way as he once used to made him realize things about that person's life, and how it was unfair. These three reasons, people making fun of others, reactions you get towards one, and one treated different than the rest, built up the theme, "judgement" by illustrating many points of views from each unique character in, "Flowers for Algernon." No one should be treated any less different only because that person looks or acts different than the rest.