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Period _____

“Flowers for Algernon”/Awakenings

Persuasive/Argument Essay

Your Task:

You will be writing a persuasive/argument essay. In your essay you will answer the following question:

Was it more beneficial or detrimental for Charlie Gordon, Leonard Lowe, and the other patients to have the experimental surgery or to take the experimental medicine, L-Dopa?

Your goal is to clearly and thoroughly prove the position you take with specific evidence from “Flowers for Algernon” and *Awakenings*.

Guidelines/Requirements:

- Provide an introduction, two body paragraphs, and a conclusion.
- Your introduction should introduce the topic and provide a specific thesis statement that sets up what your essay will prove.
- Your thesis should clearly state which side you will support in the argument.
- Your body paragraphs should include specific reasons (at least two) to support your argument as well as detailed evidence from the sources to support your reasons. Your evidence should contain specific examples and you must explain each point. Provide at least two pieces of evidence for each reason.
- Your essay should be typed using a standard (Times New Roman, Calibri) 12 point font.
- Consider all parts of the story and movie when looking for evidence.
- Avoid using “I” (“I think,” “I believe”...). State your opinions as facts.
- Your conclusion should sum up your points and leave readers with a final impression.
- All paragraphs should be thorough, specific, and evidence-filled.

THESIS: _____

“Flowers for Algernon”

1. Reason 1:

a. Example 1:

b. Example 2:

2. Reason 2:

a. Example 1:

b. Example 2:

Awakenings

1. Reason 1

a. Example 1:

b. Example 2:

2. Reason 2:

a. Example 1:

b. Example 2:
