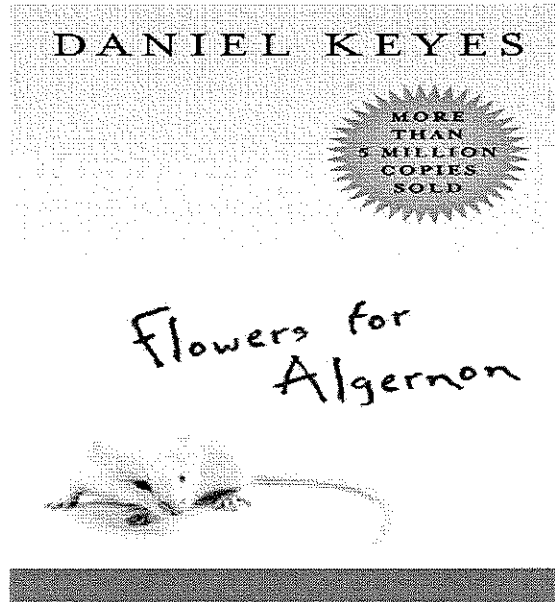


Summer Reading  
**English 9 Honors**

Required Text: *Flowers for Algernon* by Daniel Keyes (ISBN 978-0156030083)



Over the summer, please take the time to read and enjoy *Flowers for Algernon*. When you begin English 9 Honors, there will be an in class writing assignment during the first week of school. Below are some guiding questions to think about as you read. **These are not to be formally completed and turned in.** The goal of these questions is to help you think about important questions and to guide you as you read.

1. One thing that can be confusing at the start of the book is the way Charlie writes. His writing lacks correct punctuation and spelling! Over the course of the book it begins to get better and easier to read. Why do you think that is? How does Charlie's writing help us get to know him as a person?
2. After the experiment we see Charlie change dramatically over the course of the book. After the experiment, a question of identity arises: is Charlie the same person as he was before the experiment?
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 his mother wants him to be, and his decision to undergo the experiment?
4. What does Algernon seem to represent for Charlie? In what ways are they similar? In what ways are they different?