“Flowers for Algernon” by Daniel Keyes

Part I pgs. 33-37 Discussion Questions

1. What does Charlie’s reaction to the Rorschach test reveal about him?
2. The doctors often compare Charlie, a human, with Algernon, a mouse. What does this reveal about how the doctors regard Charlie?
3. How would you describe Charlie other than his mental ability?
4. What is the bad omen the author includes in this section? Why would he include a bad luck omen at this point in the story?
5. Identify a subplot.
6. How does Charlie view Algernon?
7. Why does Charlie want so badly to be smart?