“Flowers for Algernon” by Daniel Keyes

Part I pgs. 37-49 Discussion Questions

1. List five pieces of evidence that the procedure is working.
2. Why does Ms. Kinnian say she has something in her eye and then suddenly exits? Explain.
3. Why do Frank Carp and Frank Reilly refuse to go to lunch with Charlie?
4. Was it ethical for Dr. Nemur and Dr. Strauss to use a human in an experiment? Do you even think it was ethical for them to experiment on an animal (Algernon)? How do you think doctors and scientists should perform experiments if they don’t use animals or humans?
5. Why didn’t Fannie sign the petition to fire Charlie if she didn’t agree with him getting smarter?
6. Reread the biblical references Fannie makes on page 49. How is Charlie’s experience with getting the surgery and becoming smarter like Adam and Eve’s experience in the Bible?
7. What do you think will happen to Charlie as he gets even smarter?
8. Identify three parallel episodes.
9. Identify four subplots on subplot worksheet at this time.