

Evidence Chart, Part A

Locate evidence which illustrates how Charlie has changed as a result of the surgery and his quality of life has improved.

Evidence (quotation or paraphrase)	How does this evidence show that Charlie's changes have improved his life?
<p>"I want to be smart" (March 5).</p> <p>"Anyway I bet Im the first dumb person in the world who ever found out somthing important for sience." (July 28).</p>	<p>Even though Charlie ends up back where he began, he feels like what he did helped other people and he did something for science. This means that Charlie feels good about what he did and that he was changed by the experience. His life is improved because he helped others, which is something that he likes to do.</p>
<p>He says, "I think it's a good thing about finding out how everybody laughs at me" (April 21)</p> <p>Frank tells Charlie that if anybody bothers him to call Frank or Joe and they will take care of it. Charlie gets emotional and says, "Its good to have friends" (July 27).</p>	<p>Charlie learns that his coworkers Joe and Frank make fun of him. This is painful for Charlie, but he says that he is glad he found out. He is grateful for the knowledge. At the end of the story, Joe and Frank defend Charlie. Charlie is able to win over Joe and Frank and turn them into his friends. This is a good thing for Charlie. It improves his life to have real friends that won't make fun of him any more.</p>

“Im glad I got a second chanse to be smart becaus I lerned a lot of things that I never even new were in this world and Im grateful that I saw it all for a littel bit” (July 28).

Charlie is grateful for what he learned from his experiences. He doesn’t regret his decision to participate in the experiment. He says he learned new things and was able to be smart for a little bit, which was a rewarding experience.

Evidence Chart, Part B

Locate evidence which illustrates how Charlie has changed as a result of the surgery and his quality of life has worsened.

Evidence (quotation or paraphrase)	How does this evidence show that Charlie’s changes have made his life worse?
<p>He spells “progress report” like “progris riport” and “said” like “sed” at the beginning of the text and he doesn’t use punctuation. At the end of the text, he starts misspelling words again and doesn’t use punctuation again. His writing looks like it did at the beginning of the text.</p> <p>When his coworkers sign a petition for Charlie to leave his job, Charlie says, “This intelligence has driven a wedge between me and all the people I once knew and loved” (April 30).</p>	<p>While Charlie has increased intelligence for a few months, his intelligence goes back to where it was at the beginning of the text. I can see that in his writing.</p> <p>Charlie was a good person at the beginning of the text and he is a good person at the end of the text. He was sad and lonely when he was intelligent. He learns how mean people can be, which makes his life worse. Taking part in the experiment didn’t help him be happier or become a better person.</p>

Fanny Girden says, ““You used to be a good, dependable, ordinary man-not too bright maybe, but honest. Who knows what you done to yourself to get so smart all of a sudden. Like everybody around here's been saying, Charlie, it's not right.”” (April 30)

“Dr. Nemur appears to be uncomfortable around me. Sometimes when I try to talk to him, he just looks at me strangely and turns away. I was angry at first when Dr. Strauss told me I was giving Dr. Nemur an inferiority complex.” (May 15)

Charlie says, “Please ... please let me not forget how to read and write ...” (July 25) and “Oh, God, please don't take it all away” (June 15).

“Its a good feeling to know things and be smart,” he also says, “I wish I had it rite now” (July 28). Charlie calls himself dumb and says he doesn't remember what he did for science and says whatever he did he “gess its like I did it for all the dumb pepul like me” (July 28).

Fanny says that Charlie has changed. He used to be likeable, good, and honest. Now, she feels like she can't trust him--like he has done something illegal to become smarter.

Dr. Nemur feels inferior to Charlie and uncomfortable around him. The changes in Charlie make him less likeable as a person. Whereas before the surgery he was likeable and people enjoyed having him around--he had a good character, after the surgery people don't want to be around him. This makes Charlie's life worse than it was before the surgery.

Like Algernon, Charlie loses all his intelligence and ends up right back where he was. This proves that he doesn't benefit from the surgery because he doesn't get to keep anything he learned. When Charlie loses his intelligence, he misses having it. He doesn't seem happier to have participated in the experiment except maybe he does help others. In the end, Charlie goes back to where he began, so what was the point of going through all the pain?