1. How can reading another’s story open our eyes to diversity and prejudice, and also broaden our perspectives.
2. How can a writer use creative writing techniques to express point of view and voice?
3. When have you encountered a person with a mental condition or disability? How did you interact with that person or did you ignore them trying to be polite?
4. What rights do mentally disabled people have in our society? How are they treated? Do you have any idea?

Questions To Consider Throughout the Novel

1. How does Keyes use the character of Charlie to define intelligence and wisdom?
2. How does Daniel Keyes illustrate Charlie’s growth/regression through:
   1. Characterization
   2. Foreshadowing
   3. Extended metaphor – via Algernon
   4. Allusion – via Plato’s “Allegory of the Cave”
3. How does Daniel Keyes illustrate internal and external conflict?

Novel Plan

* We will read this novel in 50 page increments.
* I will have a few questions for you t answer along the way.
* You will be responsible for creating 5 questions or comments for each 50 pages (no level 1 questions.) Make sure to put the pagination for the comment or question you create.
* I want you to start making connections in your reading rather than me forcing you to answer questions to make the connections.
* THINK while you are reading and make connections and inferences.
* SHOW me you can think when reading.
* Consider: how is Charlie changing? What is changing in his life? Why are these changes happening?
* Consider: how does Keyes use literary elements to make statements. Find the alusions in the novel-or look them up so they make sense.
* DISSECT the text.