



subject for an experimental surgery that researchers hope will increase his intelligence. A procedure has been successful when tested on a lab mouse named Algernon. Researcher –Professor Nemur- command to Charlie to write everything that happens to him before and after surgery. Charlie’s writing is very bad. Many error-spelling can be found in his diary. It shows that he has *Language Deficit* and can be categorized as symptom of disabilities mental, but he does not surrender until becomes super-genius. In the process to be super-genius, Charlie remembered many memories when he was a child. Many times Charlie being scolded by his mother and his sister because of his inability. Whereas, Charlie never revenge their treatment even it makes Charlie get more spirit to improve his ability. In the end of the story, Charlie becomes stupid again. It have been predicted by the researchers that the surgery is not immortal. Although, Charlie receive it with happiness because he never feels it when he is in super-genius level. This study use *Flowers for Algernon* because many interested parts contain in the novel. One of them is part when Charlie attempt to change his destiny. Charlie does not surrender until his desire reached.

In this research, this study will analyze the main character of *Flowers for Algernon*, Charlie Gordon, by development theory proposed by Eric Erikson and explains about his psychological problem. This novel will be analyzed by using Psychoanalysis theory. Psychoanalysis is a method of studying the mind and treating mental and emotional disorders based on revealing and investigating the role of the unconscious mind (<http://www.thefreedictionary.com/psychoanalysis>).









1.7.1 Mental Disabilities : Mental disorder; a mental or bodily condition marked primarily by sufficient disorganization of personality, mind, and emotions to seriously impair the normal psychological functioning of the individual—called also mental illness (Encyclopedia Britannica).

1.7.2 Struggle : An act of make forceful or violent effort to get free of constriction; big spirit to reach something. (Oxford Dictionary 548)

1.7.3 Super-Genius : An extremely smart person; ability without practice; brilliant; extraordinary intelligence (Patricia Polacco 3)