

Text-Dependent Questions for “The Legacy of Snowflake Bentley”

Please answer the following questions in your notebooks. You **MUST** use complete sentences. Some answers will require more than one sentence to fully respond to the question.

1. How does the author of “The Legacy of Snowflake Bentley” establish that Wilson Bentley was different from other boys?
2. Use the text as a basis to write a timeline of Bentley’s study of snowflakes.
3. The author states, “His father, being a serious, hardworking farmer, felt that looking through a microscope was a waste of time. “Somehow my mother got him to spend the money.” Bentley wrote, “but he never came to believe it had been worthwhile.” That was probably a feeling shared by the locals of Jericho, who nicknamed him “Snowflake” Bentley.”(Prentice Hall 165) Why do you think the author included this section? What does it show the reader about how Bentley was perceived or viewed by others?
4. The text states, “Undeterred, he began his quest to photograph a snow crystal.”(Prentice Hall 166). What do you think the word **undeterred** means based on the context of the paragraph?
5. Reread the final two paragraphs. Based on these paragraphs, what do you think Bentley has done that is extraordinary? What about him is ordinary? Justify your answer using evidence from the text.
6. Based on the text, what did Bentley show people about the world that they lived in?