

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

1. How does the author of “The Legacy of Snowflake Bentley” establish that Wilson Bentley was different from other boys? Explain and use text evidence.
2. Use the text as a basis to write a timeline of Bentley’s study of snowflakes. Include 5-8 things on your timeline from beginning to end.
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.”
 - ***What does this 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.” What do you think the word **undeterred** means based on the context of the paragraph? Give the clues that help you and give synonyms for the word.
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? Include at least two pieces of text evidence in your answer.