BOOK STUDY: Snowflake Bentley

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What I've learned about Wilson Bentley

Use the book to find facts and complete the graphic organizer.

Name: ______________________

Wilson Bentley was born in ______________ (place)
Birth date: ____________________

Important facts about him as he was growing up:

- ____________________________
- ____________________________
- ____________________________

Education

- ____________________________
- ____________________________
- ____________________________

Important events in his life as an adult:

- ____________________________
- ____________________________
- ____________________________
- ____________________________
- ____________________________
- ____________________________
Main Idea & Supporting Details

Use the book to complete the graphic organizer.

This story is mostly about:

________________________
________________________
________________________
Welcome to the World

Wilson ____________
was born in ________,
Vermont. He was born on
______________
______________
(date)

Wilson’s Childhood

Wilson Bentley’s Parents
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February 9, 1865
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1880
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1882
When Willie was seventeen years old, his parents spent their savings and bought him a camera that had its own microscope.

January 15, 1885
Wilson Bentley succeeded in taking the first pictures of ice crystals with the camera his parents had bought him.

1898
A professor at the University of Vermont convinced Wilson Bentley to publish his first article in Popular Scientific Monthly.

1924
Willie Bentley received the first research grant ever awarded by The American Meteorological Society.

February 14, 1928
During the biggest snowstorm of his life that began on Valentine’s Day, Bentley made over 100 photographs of snowflakes.

November 1931
“Snow Crystals”, a book of Wilson Bentley’s photomicrographs was published with almost 2,500 of his photos.

December 23, 1931
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The Life of Snowflake Bentley

Cut out the boxes with events of Wilson Bentley's life. Put them on the timeline under the correct dates.
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Timeline Events
Name: ______________________

Making Words

Use the letters in the word below to make new words. List all of the real words you think of.

SNOWFLAKES

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What would he say?

If Wilson Bentley were alive today, what would he post on social media during a great snowstorm? Write two Facebook posts you think he would share.
FACT

Snowflakes are beautiful.

OPINION

It is fun to find snowflakes for pictures.

Snowflake Bentley was an interesting man.

Willie should have spent more time with friends.

Studying rain, snow and dew is a wonderful career.

Being out in a snowstorm is the best way to spend a day.
Wilson Bentley was 15 years old when he started drawing pictures of snowflakes.

Wilson’s parents bought him a special kind of camera with a microscope.

Snowflake Bentley had a book of photographs published.

Snowflake Bentley spent most of his life studying snow and rain.

Snowflake Bentley became known as The Snowflake Man.

Wilson Bentley never got married.

Snowflake Bentley died of pneumonia.

Everyone should study snowflakes and rain.
Tell some interesting facts you learned about Wilson Bentley.
Share a characteristic that made Wilson Bentley a great scientist.
Wilson Bentley took pictures of so many snowflakes!
His parents bought him a very expensive camera.
Willie grew up in Vermont on a farm.
please  take  more
pictures  of  the
snowflakes  outside
Did you know Wilson was also a farmer?