

BOOK STUDY:

Snowflake Bentley



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Name: _____

What I've learned about Wilson Bentley

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

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:

Name: _____

Main Idea & Supporting Details

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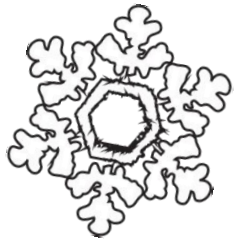


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mostly _____
about: _____

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Welcome to the World

Wilson _____
was born in _____,
Vermont. He was born on

_____.
(date)



Wilson's Childhood



Wilson Bentley's Parents



Wilson's Adult Years

Wilson Bentley: Scientist



Bentley's Death

Other Interesting Wilson Bentley Facts



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1880

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1882

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January 15, 1885

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1898

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1924

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February 14, 1928

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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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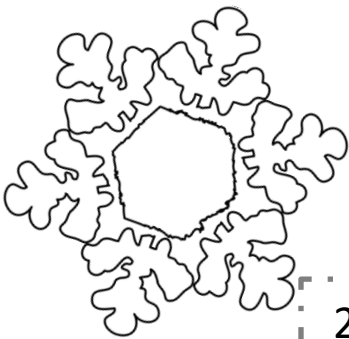
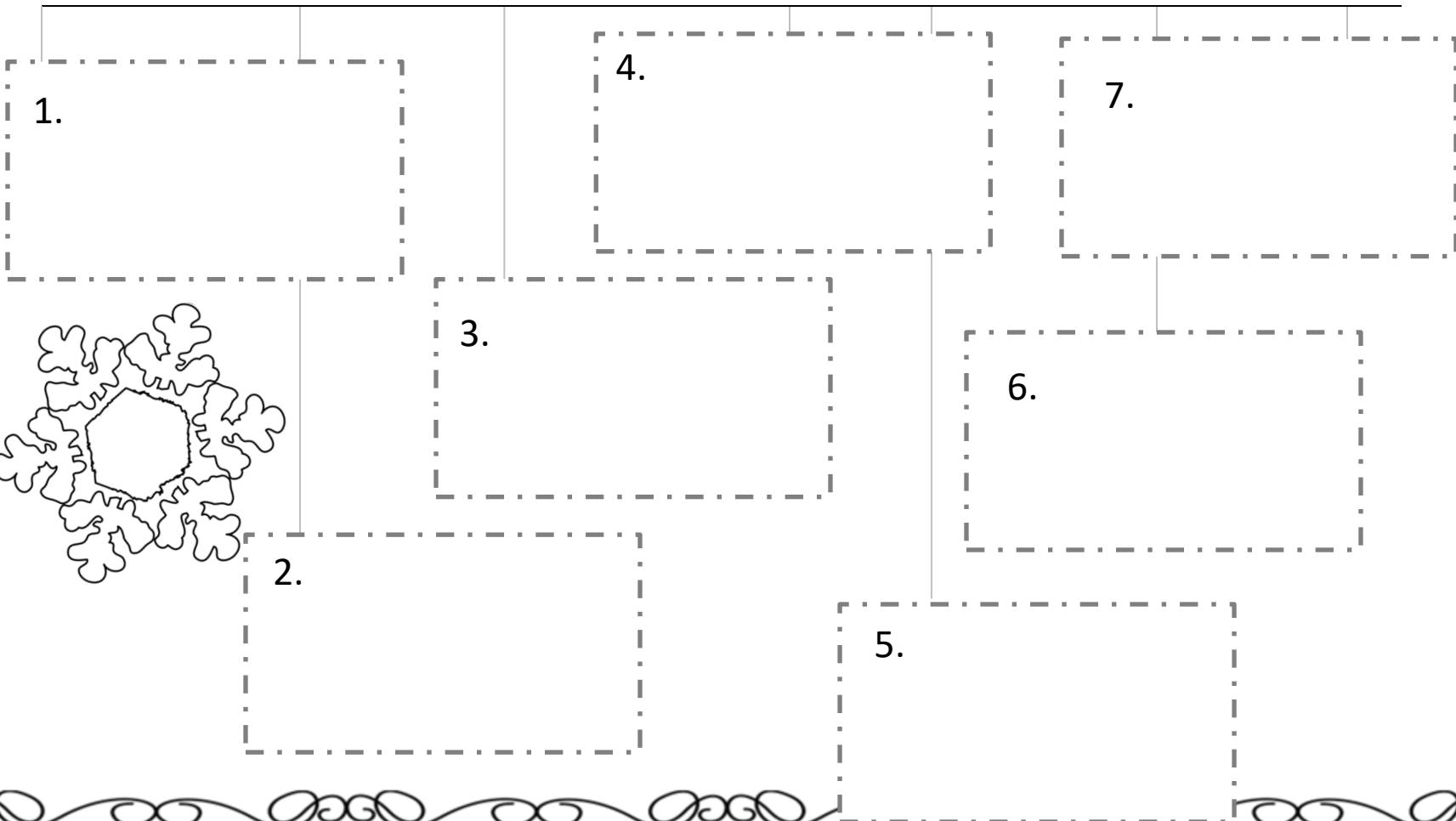
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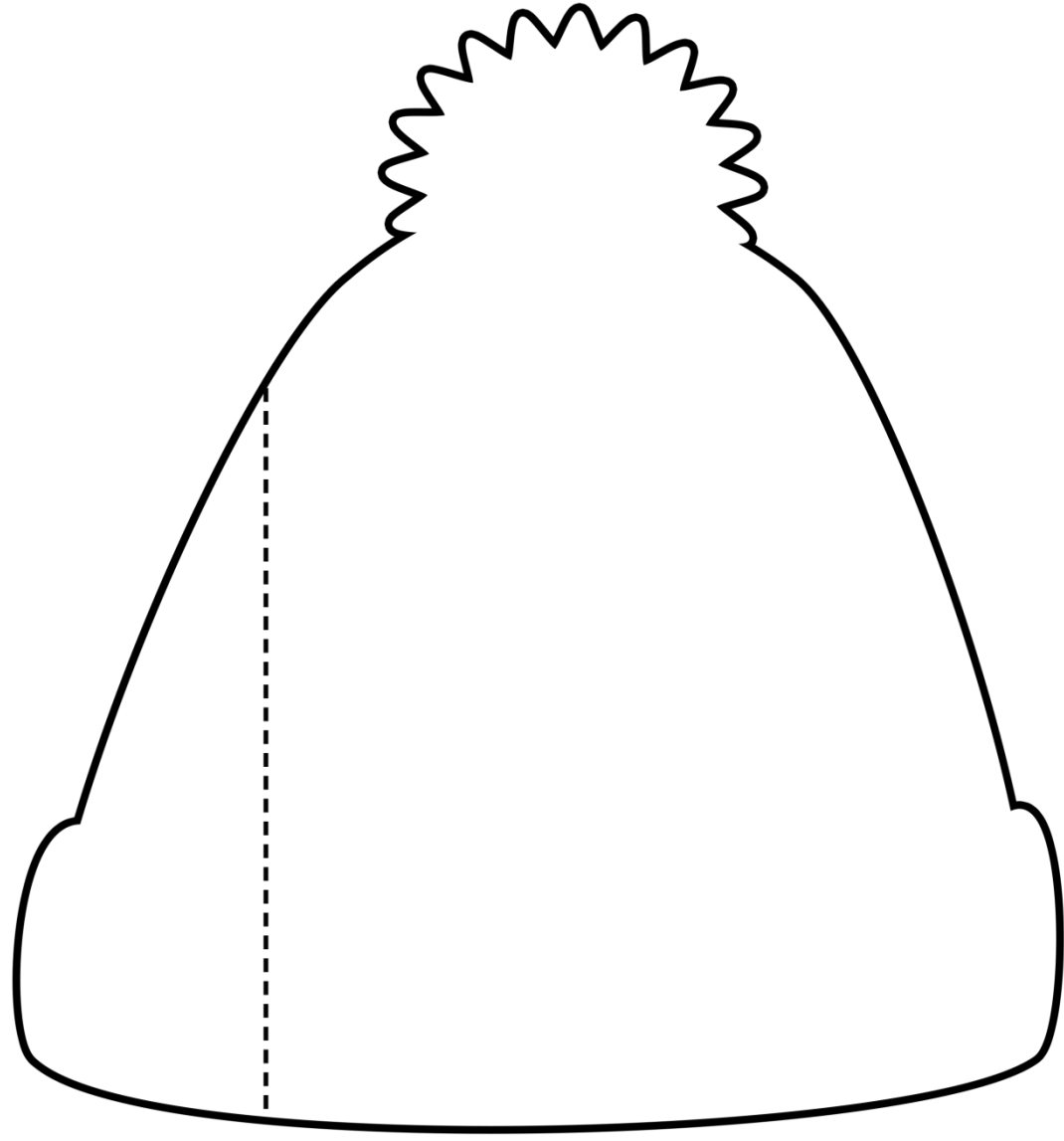
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Timeline Events



Name: _____

Making Words

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

SNOWFLAKES

A	E	O	F
K	L	N	S
S	W		

Name: _____



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.

Two sets of writing lines for Facebook posts. Each set consists of a dashed top line, a solid middle line, and a dashed bottom line, providing a guide for handwriting.

FACT

OPINION

Snowflake Bentley was an interesting man.

Snowflakes are beautiful.

It is fun to find snowflakes for pictures.

Studying rain, snow and dew is a wonderful career.

Snowflake Bentley should have done what his father said and been a farmer full time.

Willie should have spent more time with friends.

Being out in a snowstorm is the best way to spend a day.

Everyone should study snowflakes and rain.

Snowflake Bentley was a farmer and a scientist.

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.

Wilson Bentley never got married.

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

Wilson Bentley became known as The Snowflake Man.

Snowflake Bentley died of pneumonia.

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Reading Response

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in

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farm

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please

take

more

pictures

of

the

snowflakes

outside

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Did

you

know

Wilson

was

also

a

farmer

?

