

Wilson Bentley (1865-1931)

Read about the man who taught us about snowflakes.

¹ You've heard the saying that "no two snowflakes are alike." How does anyone know this? We know because of the life and work of a quiet Vermont farmer who loved snow.

² As a boy, Wilson Bentley was interested in many things. One thing he liked to do was look at objects under a microscope. He had the idea of looking at snowflakes, and he discovered how beautiful they were, and how different.

³ As Bentley got older, he wanted to show this beauty to others. He figured out a way to take a picture through a microscope. During the next 45 years, he took pictures of more than 5,000 snowflakes. Though he never made much money, "Snowflake" Bentley was always happy to share the beauty and the mystery of snowflakes with others.



Circle the word or phrase that means the same as the underlined part of each sentence.

1. Bentley discovered that each snowflake is different.

found out

wondered

2. Even as a boy, Bentley was interested in many things.

curious about

knew about

3. How did Bentley get a good look at snowflakes?

4. What is one challenge that Bentley met?

5. What other challenges might Bentley have met while trying to take pictures of snowflakes?

6. About how many snowflakes did Bentley take pictures of?

_____ 50

_____ 500

_____ 5,000

7. How does the picture on page 142 help you understand the story better?

8. In paragraph 3, the author says that Bentley wanted to show the beauty of snowflakes to others. What reason supports the author's statement?
