

Common Core Aligned Comprehension Assessment

Snowflake Bentley
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Directions:

Use what you know about **Snowflake Bentley** to answer each of the following questions.

1. What did Willie Bentley discover how to do?

- A He learned how to draw snowflakes before they melted.
- B He discovered how to photograph snowflakes to see their designs.
- C He discovered a way to make it snow.
- D He invented the camera.

2. Snowflake Bentley gave the world a way to see the beauty of snowflakes. Which detail supports this main idea?

- A He walked through many snowstorms.
- B He took pictures of grasshoppers on flowers.
- C He sold many of his photos and had a book of his photos published for all to enjoy.
- D His parents bought him a camera.

3. What was the result of Willie Bentley looking at snowflakes under the microscope?

- A He discovered that no two snowflakes were exactly the same design.
- B He learned that all snowflakes have the same 6-branch design.
- C He realized snowflakes were just small clumps of snow.
- D He knew he would never be able to show everyone what snowflakes really looked like.

4. What did the author do to make sure you understand the word "molecules" when talking about snowflakes and ice crystals?

- A She put a diagram of a snowflake on the page and labeled the molecules.
- B There is a glossary in the book.
- C When she used it, she wrote a definition.
- D She wrote the word in a larger font.

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5. The author wrote interesting facts on the sides of many pages in *Snowflake Bentley*. Which text feature was she using? (RI.3.5)

- A keywords
- B hyperlinks
- C headings
- D sidebars

6. The author believes Snowflake Bentley was a snowflake expert and dedicated person. Who from the story would agree? (RI.3.6)

- A scientists from colleges and universities.
- B artists and designers
- C the people who lived in his town.
- D All of the above answers

7. This is nonfiction, but has illustrations. How do the illustrations connect to the text? (RI.3.7)

- A They show how easy it was to take pictures of snowflakes.
- B They show all the different designs he photographed.
- C They show him working in the cold to get his pictures, and how he loved to share them.
- D The illustrations show how he became rich and famous.

8. How is photographing snowflakes different than taking pictures of spider webs? (RI.3.9)

- A Snowflakes melt quickly, but spider webs do not melt.
- B Both are hard to see.
- C Snowflakes are hard to break, but spiderwebs break as soon as you touch them.
- D Snowflakes can't be photographed, but you can get a picture of a web.

9. What is one question that can be answered by reading this book? (RI.3.10)

- A Where does it snow?
- B How did we learn about what snowflakes really look like?
- C How do cameras work?
- D Did Snowflake Bentley like living on a farm?

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One question for each Reading
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Answer Key

